

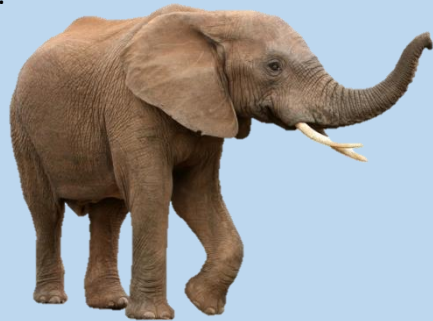


Carnival of the Animals



Year 2
Term 1

Welcome to Year 2! We hope that you all had a great summer and that you feel rested and raring to go in this new and exciting term! The two classes in Year 2 are called Rabbit class (Mrs Humble is your class teacher) and Woodpecker class (Miss Brown [Monday] and Mrs Daniels [Tuesday - Friday] are your class teachers). We have two Learning Support Assistants: Mrs Marsh and Mrs Owen who will be working across both classrooms. The PPA provision will be on Wednesday morning this year.



Our topic this term is inspired by the music by Saint-Saëns, Carnival of the Animals! Science and English will be the main topic drivers as we will learn about the habitats and life cycles of various mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians. The topic will be cross-curricular as it will influence Music, Art, DT and Computing in addition to the strong Science and English focuses.

Supporting your child at home this year

You can play a significant part in your child's learning by supporting them at home. There are three areas where we particularly need your help:

- **Please aim to read every day with your child at home.** Research has shown that when children read extensively, they become better writers. Reading a variety of genres helps children learn text structures and language that they can then transfer to their own writing. In addition, reading provides children with prior knowledge that they can use in their stories.
- **Please help your child learn their spellings.** The children will continue to learn spellings as part of the whole school spelling system and will bring home a booklet over the next few weeks. Your child will need support learning and embedding their spellings so they are committed to long-term memory.
- After Christmas, the children will also start our school **times tables system** in Year 2. Fluency in mental maths and good recall of number facts, such as multiplication tables and number bonds, underpin confident number work and will give your child dexterity with numbers. **Please support your child with their times tables practice.**
- As well as these core learning areas, your child will receive one piece of homelearning every week. This learning will generally be topic or core based which will either consolidate an area learnt at school, or will be a prerequisite for learning in the future at school. The activity should take about 20 minutes to complete. **Please support your child with their homelearning** and if there are any difficulties, please don't hesitate to get in contact with us.



Dates for the Diary:

- *Year 2 Welcome meeting - 6/9/17, 5.30pm
- *Parent Consultations - 10/10/2017 and 12/10/2017
- *Open Afternoon – 17/10/17

Please make sure that your child has his/her P.E. bag in school every Monday and Wednesday. As we go into the Autumn, please make sure your child has a pair of warmer trousers for P.E. as well as shorts, a P.E. jumper and a short sleeved top. If your child has long hair, please ensure it is tied up.

Don't forget that your child does not need to bring in a snack as we will be providing a piece of fruit for a healthy snack this year.



Parent Help

It is always good to have your help with reading but we also need assistance with spelling testing and times tables testing this year. If you are able to give up any of your time to help in class, please come and speak to your class teacher(s).

We are really looking forward to getting to know, and teaching, your children this year. It's going to be an exciting, fun-filled and busy year and we know that your superstars are going to rise to the challenge. Thank you for your continued help and support.
Mrs Daniels, Miss Brown and Mrs Humble

