

Morning routines:

It has been lovely to see so many of you in class helping your children to complete the early morning Handwriting activities. This term we will be moving onto the next phase involving Grammar activities. We understand that it is not possible for everyone to work alongside their child, so please do not worry if this is difficult for you. There are alternative activities in the table baskets or the children can read quietly in the reading area.

Please continue to encourage your child to be independent when they start school, putting their coat on their peg, their book bag in their tray and their water bottle in the box on the side.

Home time:

So that we can ensure the children's safety at home time can we ask that all parents wait in the Infant Playground, outside or close to the Year 2 door so that we can see you.

If your child is going home with someone please write this on the home time whiteboard in the classroom and sign it so we have written permission to release your child to someone else.

Reading:

Your child has been given a book from the school library to read with you. Please help your child to change their book in the Infant library. There is a box in the library for returned books. Follow the colours that are used to identify the books - they are at the appropriate level to your child's reading. We do ask that you listen to your child read daily - and do also read to your child as well. Please write in the reading record. Your child will take part in guided reading each week.

Year 2

Miss Nelson & Mrs Shaw

Phonics:

All Children in the Infants have daily phonics lessons taught through the scheme 'Letters and Sounds'. Children are grouped into different phases to learn phonics according to their phonic knowledge.



Spellings and Grammar

Please continue to support your child in practising the spellings at home.

You do not need to return the sheets that the children have completed back to school.

Forest Schools:

Please ensure that your child brings suitable clothing for outdoor activities including wellington boots and showerproof jacket. We have our sessions on Wednesday afternoon.

Maths:

It would be great if you could help your child learn their 2's, 5's and 10 times table as ongoing homework this term.

Parent helpers

We are always grateful for parent (and grandparent!) helpers in school and some of our activities will not be able to go ahead without your help. Please let us know if you could help with reading at any time.

If you have any other interests or activities, you could help with (e.g. if you enjoy gardening or art) please let us know! Thank you.

PE

PE will be on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Your child will need to have a white t-shirt and navy shorts to change into as well as trainers. Please can your child come into school already dressed in their P.E. kit on Tuesday. This will save time, therefore allowing more time for learning. They will need to remember to bring school uniform to school! Please make sure long hair is tied back.

Topic Overview Year 2 - Lego

Classroom Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A variety of books about Lego ✓ Lego for construction 	Educational Visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Library visit to borrow books. Visit to the Cornerstone Theatre in Didcot
Wow Factor Launch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lego movie ✓ Building with Lego 	Key Texts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lego magazines ✓ Books about Lego
Outcomes /Open Day Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Diary and Recount writing ✓ New world 	Home links - activities parents can do to support the topic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Reading together daily ✓ Talking about what we read- use questions ✓ Practising Times Tables ✓ Practising spellings
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Story Mapping and Drama ✓ Innovation of Lego based story ✓ Re-telling the story of Christmas 	Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Understanding place value ✓ Strategies for addition and subtraction ✓ Doubling and halving ✓ Recognise odd and even numbers ✓ Multiplication (2's, 5's, 10)
Physical Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Developing skills for games, including kicking skills ✓ Gymnastics 	Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Animals, including humans, through Forest School activities.
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Whole class and Infant singing in preparation for the Nativity 	Art and design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Winter scenes using chalk pastels. Christmas decorations
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Knowing where Lego originates from ✓ Make links to findings from Europe topic 	History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Bonfire night ✓ Finding out about the invention of Lego
RE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Learning the Christmas story. 	Outdoor Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Problem solving and games in maths exploring area ✓ Construction activities
PSHE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Finding out about the different learning dinosaurs and strategies to help learning ✓ Getting on and falling out 	I.T	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Developing typing skills ✓ Using technology to find information ✓ Using the B-bot to give directions.