

Morning routines:

It has been lovely to see so many of you in class helping your children to complete the early morning common exception word 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.

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 Maths corner) 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 which are used to identify the books which 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 complete guided reading each week.



Forest School:

This term as of week 3 your child will be taking part in Forest School sessions on a Monday afternoon instead of Wednesday. Please ensure that your child brings suitable clothing for outdoor activities including wellington boots and showerproof jacket.



Maths:

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

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 common exception words that you will be given a copy of during Parent consultation afternoon/evening.

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 make sure long hair is tied back.

Topic Overview Year 2 - Water/Wind in the Willows

Classroom Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Wind in the Willows Shoe box creations on display ✓ Weekly washing line work to display current learning tasks. ✓ Christmas calendars and decorations 	Educational Visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Library visit to borrow books. Visit to the Cornerstone Theatre in Didcot
Key Texts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Wind in the Willows The Christmas Story 		
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"> ✓ Speaking and Listening - Drama based on Wind in the Willows. ✓ Recount writing ✓ Poetry based on stimulus: Water ✓ Re-telling the story of Christmas 	Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Understanding place value ✓ Strategies for addition and subtraction ✓ Time ✓ Doubling and halving ✓ Recognise odd and even numbers
Physical Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Developing skills for games, including kicking skills ✓ Gymnastics 	Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Seasonal changes through Forest School activities.
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Whole class and Infant singing in preparation for the Nativity ✓ Listen to 'Music for the Royal Fireworks' by Handel 	Art and design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Firework collages. ✓ Shoe box creations of various scenes from Wind in the Willows
Geography		History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Bonfire night
RE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Learning the Christmas story. ✓ Hanukkah 	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 	I.T	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Developing typing skills ✓ Using technology to find information.