



## Old Earth Primary

An information leaflet for parents about

# Year 2



# Welcome to Year 2

This booklet is intended to give families an overview of the Year 2 timetable and routines and other information specific to Year 2. Your child will need your support to familiarise themselves with the new routines in September, so please read this booklet together.

## Teaching Staff

If you wish to discuss anything or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Year 2 Teachers:  
**Mrs Kaur and Ms Fox**

We are also very lucky to have the following teaching assistants who will also work alongside your children and will be happy to help with any questions you may have:

**Mrs Botterill, Mrs Calcott, Mr Hill and Mrs Walker**

We look forward to working with you and your child over the coming year.

## Routine



School starts at 8.45am  
Morning break is 10.15am – 10.30am  
Lunchtime starts at 12:00pm  
Lunchtime finishes at 1:00pm  
School finishes at 3.15pm



## Dress Code

A reminder that only a watch and stud earrings may be worn for school. This is for the safety of all children. We also ask that all children come to school wearing school shoes. Please ensure that all of your child's uniform, including their coat, is clearly named. Please could you also ensure that long hair is tied up in a bobble. Please also ensure your child has a school book bag, as big bags will not fit in our drawers. Please read the school Uniform Policy on the school website.

## Holidays in Term Time

We endeavour to stay open at all times because we want to make every day count. We can authorise absence for some circumstances, but we cannot authorise absence for holidays. A form (which can be found on our website or the entrance hall) needs to be completed for any requests. It is parents' duty to have their child attending school and fines could be issued.

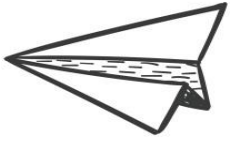
## Communication

If your child is unable to come to school please call the school office and leave a message. If your child is not in school and we don't receive a call/message our Welfare Officer will call you to find out if your child is safe.



Our school newsletter is sent home every Monday and it is important that all families read about any important dates, notices and other information. The newsletter can also be found on our school website. Each year group also has a Twitter account and this is a great way to keep up to date with what is happening in your child's class. Our Twitter account is @OldEarthYear2. You may also want to follow our school Twitter feed which is @OldEarthSchool.

# Parental Involvement



We are always looking for extra help, so if you have any time available to help in school, your support would be much appreciated! We promise to explain any tasks to you beforehand so that you can enjoy your volunteering and be of maximum benefit to the children.

# Homework

Homework will be given out every **Friday**. It will be either Maths or English focused and should be handed in on the following **Wednesday**. If homework arrives later than Wednesday it will not be marked that week. There is a list of common exception words in the front of each child's homework book to be learnt over the course of the year and children must be able to read and write them. If your child appears to be struggling, please feel free to come and see us or write a note at the bottom of the homework. At times we may give a topic related homework to do over a few weeks. Please make sure Maths and English homework is completed in pencil.



# Parents' Evening



There will be 3 Parents' Evenings over the year. Parents and teachers will be able to discuss pastoral and academic progress and targets will be shared. In addition, an annual written report will be sent home in the final half-term.

# Curriculum

We have planned to cover the following this year:  
**Autumn Term:** Great Fire of London/Nativity and festivals  
**Spring Term:** Castles/ Florence Nightingale  
**Summer Term:** Community and Change (The Piece Hall, Elland)



Note, however that these may sometimes change due to world events

# Reading

Accelerated Reader is our individual reading program this year. Children will complete Star Reading assessments to ensure they choose reading books at their level. After reading a book, they will complete a short quiz on the computer in school. Passing the quiz is an indication that your child has understood the book. Accelerated Reader gives both children and teachers feedback based on the quiz results.

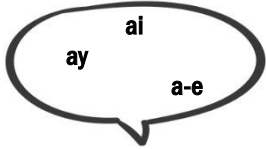
Before this reading age is achieved, children will continue to use Little Wandle Letters and sounds to support their phonics development. If you have any questions please speak to your class teacher.

# Handwriting



In Year 2 there will be formal lessons to teach the correct letter formation and additional support where needed. Please encourage best handwriting in all work. After initial practise children will begin to learn joined up handwriting.

## Phonics



Little Wandle Letters and Sounds is used as our school Phonics programme and is used throughout Reception and Key Stage 1. All classes follow the newly implemented programme and stages of progression. In Year 2 we continue with phonics lessons for those children who still require them. Those children who did not pass the phonics screening will re-sit at the end of this year.

## Spellings

Children are no longer given a weekly spelling test. However, practising spellings at home is advised. The common exception words we will be working on throughout the year can be found in the front of the homework book. Every day the children will have spelling time and will focus on Year 2 spellings rules. Support will be given for those who need it.



## Maths



We will have daily Maths lessons in Year 2. We will be following The White Rose Scheme of work. Maths homework will be differentiated to suit your child. Please help your child to learn their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. This means, counting, quick recall of facts out of order and the inverse fact.

## Being Healthy

A healthy snack is available at most break times. Children should bring a water bottle at the beginning of the week and they should take it home every Friday to be washed.



## PE

Our PE lessons are usually on **Tuesday** and **Friday**. Please make sure PE kits are left at school during the week. In the colder months we do PE indoors and in the warmer months we go outdoors.



**Indoor PE kit:** house t-shirt, pumps and shorts.

**Outdoor PE kit:** house t-shirt, plain track-suit bottoms and trainers.

Please ensure your child has removed their stud earrings and has socks for outdoor PE. Please also check that all clothes are named.

## Drop off and Collection

Please see your child into school safely. Please encourage children to be prepared with their reading books and things to be handed in.

On collection your child will not be allowed to leave until they see their adult on the school playground. Please notify the office in good time if someone else picks up.

