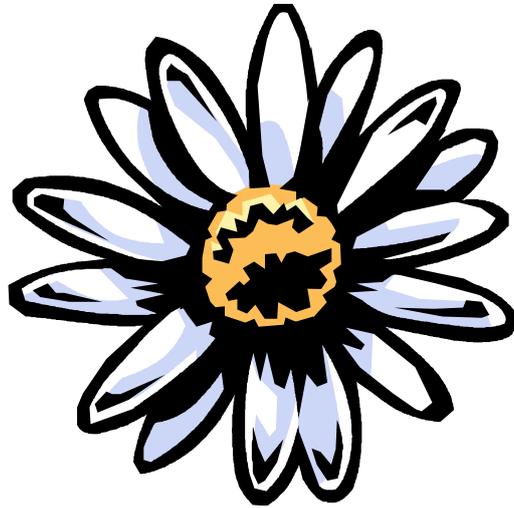


Yorke Mead Primary School



**Welcome
to
Year 2**

My Day at School

When I come into the classroom I will organise myself. Each morning I will take my reading record and reading book, any letters for my teacher and any homework I need to hand in out of my book bag.

We usually do our English work, guided reading and maths in the morning, and our topic work including art, history, music, geography, P4C, science etc. activities in the afternoon. We do try to link our work together so that our English and maths work is also part of our topic work.

We have a playtime in the morning and afternoon. This helps us to practise our gross motor skills and also helps us towards the daily recommended one hour a day exercise all children should have. In the afternoon we all take part in the daily mile which lasts for 10 minutes. At the end of the day we will repeat the first activity of the day so as those children on the later arrival and leaving time don't miss out.

At the end of the day I will put my reading book and any letters back into my book bag, so please remember to check it each night.

What will I learn?

This year we will cover the following topics:

	1 st Half	2 nd Half
AUTUMN	Ourselves	Fire
SPRING	Under the sea	Explorers
SUMMER	Africa	Hot and Cold Climates

Home Learning

I will be given home learning each Friday. Home learning will usually need to be handed in by the following Wednesday. I will have a weekly spelling test and times tables test every 4th week. Please help me to learn my spellings and times tables at home. It is better to practise these for a few minutes every day rather than just once a week. I may also occasionally have some topic home learning.

Reading

I will read to my teacher during guided reading and so I will not necessarily read my reading book in school each week. Books will only be changed (**Monday, Wednesday and Friday**) if they have been read at home and this has been recorded in the yellow diary. It is important that my reading record is always signed with a comment to help my teacher know how I am getting on with the book.

On a Monday my teaching assistant will put a stamp in my book if I have had my book signed at least 4 times the previous week. Once I have 10 stamps I will receive my bronze reading award, 20 stamps the silver reading award and 30 the gold reading award.

As I go through Year 2, my books will get longer, and I may just read a few pages and talk about these each day. I don't have to read the whole book each night but please do record how much I have read in my diary each time.

Due to Covid-19 we will be quarantining books for 72 hours between them being returned to school and being placed back on the shelves.

Who works in my classroom?

Year 2 Horse Chestnut: Mrs Bennett, Mrs Williams and Mrs Brett
Year 2 Cedar: Miss Buckman, Mrs Hands

Y2 SATs

In Year 2 my teacher has to complete the statutory assessments for 7 year olds. These happen as part of my normal day in the summer term and I may not even realise I am even doing them.

Things to bring to school

Book bag

I need my book bag and reading book **every day**. My reading book will be checked to see if it needs changing on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please write in my reading record so that my teacher knows I have read and tuck the book inside the reading record to keep them together.



To keep our reading books in good condition please **DO NOT** put water bottles into my book bag.

PE Kit



I need a pair of black shorts, trainers/plimsolls and a red t-shirt for PE. As the weather gets colder, I will also need a pair of tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt as we will do outdoor PE. **I need my full PE kit in school every day**. My PE kit should stay in school and just be brought home at the end of each week to be washed. This is happening more frequently this year due to Covid – 19.

A Bottle of Water

Sipping water throughout the day helps to keep my brain active. I need to bring a bottle of water to school each day. I will bring my water bottle home each night so that it can be washed and refilled ready for the next day.
No juice please.



Snack



It can be a long time from breakfast until lunch for a little tummy. Please can I bring a healthy snack to eat during breaktime. If my snack is in a container, please make sure it is named. No chocolate, nuts or crisps.

Coats and Hats

With the weather in Britain I will always need to have a coat or jacket in school in case it turns cold or rains, and in warm weather, please can I bring a sunhat for outdoor activities and sun cream. I should apply the sun cream before I come to school on sunny days.



Library Books

We will have library time on Monday each week. I will choose a library book and bring this home. I need to bring my book back to school the following week so that I can choose a new one. All books will be quarantined for 72 hours before being returned to the shelves.



Wellingtons

At some point through the year my class will be taking part in forest school and I will need to bring in wellingtons and a warm jumper. My teacher will send a letter out prior to starting forest school with more information.

Hand sanitiser

Please give send me with a mini bottle of hand sanitiser to keep in school.

Pencil Case

This year I need to be provided with a clear pencil case which will be kept in school.

Please ensure that all equipment and clothing that is sent into school is labelled.

Getting in touch

Due to Covid-19 we appreciate it has become more difficult to speak face to face so if you need to speak to a member of staff please email admin@yorkemead.herts.sch.uk – stating who you need to speak to and a brief explanation of why(if possible) and the relevant member of staff will get in touch as soon as possible.

Twitter

Twitter is a great way you can keep up to date with what your child is learning. Please follow us on @1yorkemead.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.