



Year 2

Information Meeting

Year 2 Class Staff

**Mrs Summers (Deputy Head) & Mrs Albuhawa
Ash Class Teachers**

Support Staff – Mrs Bosley (am only)

Miss Ball

Elm Class Teacher

Support Staff – Ms McNelly (am only)

Mrs Feeney & Mrs Rumsby

Oak Class Teachers

Support Staff – Mrs Wright (am only)

Additional staff work across Year 2 supporting children in classes.



Topics



- Autumn Term 1 – Passport to the World
Term 2 – Famous Faces
- Spring Term 3 – Let's discover Australia
Term 4 – Titanic!
- Summer Term 5 – Birds and habitats
Term 6 – Amazing Plants!

Timetable



Timetable for Year Two Ash/Elm/Oak

	Monday Book changing day	Tuesday Newsletter	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.55-9.00	Registration KIRFs	Registration KIRFs	Registration KIRFs	Registration KIRFs	Registration KIRFs
9.00-9.30	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics
9.30-9.40	Zappers	Zappers	Zappers	Zappers	Zappers
9.40-10.30	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing
10.30-10.45	Assembly Reading Groups X2	Assembly Reading Groups X2	Assembly Reading Groups X2	Assembly Reading Groups X2	???????? Reading Groups X2
10.45-11.00	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11.00-11.15	Snack Story / Newsround	Snack Story / Newsround	Snack Story / Newsround	Snack Story / Newsround	Snack Story / Newsround
11.15-12.15	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
12.15-1.15	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1.15-1.20	Register	Register	Register	Register	Register
1:20-1:40	Handwriting	PE 1.20-1.55 Hall Music U-sports	Handwriting	PPA	1.30-1.45 Golden Good Book Assembly
		1.55-2.35 Music U-sports Hall		Computing PSHE Forest School	
1:40-2:40	Science	2.35-3.10 U-sports Hall Music	Geography / History		Art/DT with Golden Time
2:40-3:00	Guided Group Read	Guided Group Read	Guided Group Read		Guided Group Read
3:00-3:20	Class story	Class story	Class story	Class story	Class story

Timetable

- PE will be on a Tuesday
- Rotation of activities – gymnastics with class teachers
- Games – Usports led
- Forest School will be on a Thursday on a 3 week rota (please see curriculum news for dates) Please wear PE for these days.



PE Kit

- Pumps/Trainers (not laces)
- T-shirt
- Shorts
- Tracksuit bottoms on cold days with school jumper
- Earrings removed or taped over (e.g. micropore)
- Hair tied back
- Children to come to school on PE days in their kit.



Group Challenge!

This is an activity that we include in a variety of lessons to encourage important skills such as collaboration, sharing and good speaking and listening. The children work towards a common goal in a pair or small group. They will be praised for their attitudes as much as for the end result. If your child wins a rosette it is because they showed excellent social skills and speaking and listening skills. The rosette is for them to keep!



Ways to help your child at home - homework



- **Library – would you be interested in volunteering to run library sessions with Year 2 ?**
- Children will have a class sharing book to bring home to share with an adult at home.
- **Reading** Books will be changed on a Monday morning. Children will be doing 2-3 group reads per week. Please ensure books are in school every day.
- Our expectation is that children should read their practice book to an adult at home and have their sharing book/library book read to them more than once to help with fluency and comprehension. Please write in planner, detailing page numbers and any further comments particularly during Reading Awards, where two reads a day are counted towards their Reading badge.

Ways to help your child at home - homework



- **Spellings** - Please practise common exception words, your child will be bringing home their 'zapper' with common exceptions words for the week that they need to learn to read and spell. Please ensure the zapper comes to school every day and that your child practices regularly at home. We will be testing these words weekly and issuing new words once they have shown they can spell their zapper words consistently.
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Year 2 KIRFS



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- To develop your child's fluency and mental maths skills, we use KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts) throughout school. KIRFS are a way of helping your child to learn by heart, key facts and information which they need to have instant recall of.
- KIRFs are designed to support the development of mental maths skills that underpin much of the maths work in our school. They are particularly useful when calculating, adding, subtracting, multiplying or dividing. They contain number facts such as number bonds and times tables that need constant practise and rehearsal, so children can recall them quickly and accurately.
- Each half term, children will focus on a Key Instant Recall Fact (KIRF) to practise and learn at home for the half term. They will also be available on our school website under the maths section, they will be included in the curriculum news and they are in the back of the reading diaries. The KIRFs include practical ideas to assist your child in grasping the key facts and contain helpful suggestions of ways in which you could make this learning interesting and relevant. They are not designed to be a time-consuming task and can be practised anywhere – in the car, walking to school, etc. Regular practice - little and often – helps children to retain these facts and keep their skills sharp. Throughout the half term, the KIRFs will also be practised in school and your child's teacher will assess whether they have been retained.
- This half term the KIRF will be number bonds to 20.

Expectations in Year 2

READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE



- **Politeness**

- **Independence**

Children are responsible for their belongings and organising themselves at the end of the day. Please encourage independence and remind children to check they have their books in their bags.

- Children whose good behaviour or work stands out may go into the **Golden Good Book**. They will have this celebrated in the Friday assembly and enjoy a biscuit treat on a Friday afternoon with the Head/Deputy Head.

What to do if you need to contact us:



- Speak to us before 8:55am if it's just a quick message
- Make an appointment to speak to us after school
- Leave a message at the office which will be passed on to us
- Email us at admin@shinfield.wokingham.sch.uk including your child's class in the subject line. These emails will be forwarded on to us
- Any non urgent messages can be written in the planner, however please be aware that these are not checked each day.

What you can do to help in school:



- Help in the classroom listen to children read (you will need to have a DBS check carried out)
- Join the Friends of Shinfield, have you got any great fund raising ideas? Please share them with us!
- Come along to events such as plays and class assemblies
- Support the cake sales, especially for your child's class
- Look out for donations we would be grateful for, detailed in termly curriculum news.

What to bring to school



- Water bottles (with plain, still water) everyday
- Book bag with reading envelope including planner, reading/library books and zappers
- Coat and hat/gloves for cold or warm weather.

Please make sure all your child's belongings are named, including school uniform and shoes.

Other Important Information



- **Curriculum News** – you will receive this with the Newsletter at the start of every half term along with the KIRFS for the half term.
- **Newsletters** – you should receive these by every Friday; please let the office know if you don't get them
- **Curriculum** – expectations are very high, we will keep you informed whether your child is on track to be 'emerging', 'expected' or 'exceeding' the end of year curriculum expectations in the spring term.
- Our first **parents evening** will be before the October half term holiday where we talk about how your child has settled into Year 2.
- **Handwriting pencils** are awarded to one child in each class each week for neat, careful handwriting
- **Curriculum meetings** coming up –Further information on the teaching of Phonics/Reading. These will happen throughout the year
- **End of Year Production** – July 2023, Year 2 performance



Welcome to Year 2!

Any questions?