



# Year 2 Newsletter



**Welcome to Year 2!**



**2LA is Fox Class and 2LO is Squirrel Class.**

We hope this year is going to prove to be a very exciting year for the children with lots of new experiences and learning ahead.

## **Staffing**

In 2La, Mrs Lace is the main class teacher, with Mrs Wilson teaching the class on Tuesdays. Other adults in the class providing support are Miss Campbell, Miss Gregory, Miss Maginnis, Miss Littlewood, Mrs Higgins and Mrs Alushaj.

In 2Lo, Mrs Loveridge is the main class teacher, with Mrs Wilson teaching the class on Mondays. Other adults in the class providing support are Mrs Kenny, Mrs Dickinson, Mrs Schmidt, Miss Maginnis and Miss Palmer.

On Friday afternoons the children will be working in small groups with different members of staff. They will do lots of exciting activities including RE, computing, food and cooking and PE.

## **Morning Routines**

Class teachers will open the classroom doors at 8:50am so that the children can be ready for registration at 9am. Children will need to come into the class by themselves in the morning, putting their own things away and starting their morning task independently. Class teachers and other staff will be available at the door for any messages. We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

## **Curriculum**



The main topics this half term are around the theme of 'Be Healthy'. In History we will be learning about the life of Florence Nightingale. In Science we will be finding out more about how to keep our bodies healthy through diet, exercise, sleep and hygiene. We would really appreciate it if any parent who works in the medical profession would be available to come in to talk to the children about their work. Please see either class teacher if you are able to help.

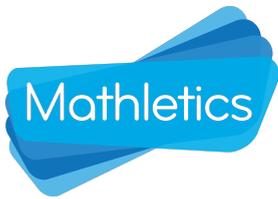
To enhance our learning, we have planned a visit to Thackray Medical Museum which includes a fantastic interactive workshop about Florence Nightingale.

2LA will visit the museum on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October and 2LO's visit will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

You will receive a separate letter with more details.

## Maths

This half term we will be learning all about number, starting with place value and then moving on to addition and subtraction. This will involve being able to read and write numbers in both numerals and words to 100, as well as comparing, ordering and partitioning numbers. We will be using lots of equipment to support our understanding. Please check the weekly blog which will explain the methods we have used so that you can support your child at home.



Mathletics is a computer based programme which supports the children's maths curriculum. It is a fun and engaging way to learn and has been proven to help children's understanding and fluency in mathematics. Every child in Year 2 will receive a username and password. Every time your child accesses Mathletics and completes activities, they will earn points. At the end of each week, the child with the most points can take the Mathletics trophy home (to be returned the next week). Certificates can also be earned when certain number of points have been achieved. How many certificates can you earn this term?



We will also use times tables Rockstars to support the children in learning and recalling their times tables and related division facts. In Year 2 children need to know their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. We will introduce this with the children in half term 2.

## English

Our English work is usually linked to our topic work. This half term we will be reading and writing poetry based on our senses. We will develop our fiction skills through looking at the story Supertato and the traditional tale, The Little Red Hen. We will develop our instructional writing linked to keeping healthy and we will write letters and diaries linked to our work on Florence Nightingale. Please check our blog to find out the specific skills we have been working on each week. There is lots of tricky terminology to get your head around in Year 2 and we will try to explain these in simple terms as we cover them in class.

## Reading

As we all know, reading at home is essential if the children are going to make the optimum progress possible. As in previous years, we work through coloured book bands. Please write in the record book when you hear your child read. Adults in school use a separate record keeping system as they listen to children read in school. We will continue to change books only on Fridays (so books can 'quarantine over the weekend'). Once your child is reading confidently and fluently, we will move them onto the next colour book band.

## Library



As well as the home reading books, we have a good selection of library books for children to borrow and enjoy at home. 2Lo will be visiting the library on Mondays. 2La will be visiting the library on Tuesdays. Your child will choose their own book to share with you at home.

## PE

P.E. days in 2Lo are on Monday and Wednesday.

P.E days in 2La are on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Please can you ensure that your child brings their P.E. kit on these days. The children will be partaking in outdoor P.E. lessons so they will need a warm jumper or sweatshirt and jogging bottoms/ leggings as well as their normal P.E. kit. Appropriate footwear is extremely important. Please make sure your child has pumps or trainers to change into.

## Homework

Your child will bring home their homework book home next week. This book can be used for all homework tasks including spellings. Homework will be a mixture of 'Practise makes perfect' tasks such as number bonds or sentence work, and more open ended tasks based on topic work where children can be more creative. Homework books will be given out on a Friday to be handed in on Wednesdays.

We thank you in advance for your support in completing these. Children are given the opportunity to share this work with their peers and are awarded dojo points for effort, presentation and content.

## Spellings

In Year 2, we use a spelling programme called 'No Nonsense Spelling'.

Each week we will be learning a different spelling pattern or rule alongside common exception words (tricky words). We will send home a list of the common exception words taught that week and examples of the spelling pattern or rule. Please find time to practise these at home. We will complete an informal test each week. Spelling can also be practised using the online programme, Spelling Shed. <https://www.spellingshed.com/en-us> There are general games and activities or teachers may also set assignments based on current spelling patterns.



## Phonics

We will also be working on consolidating phonics from Year 1 in preparation for the phonics screening check that will take place next half term. This involves the children sitting with their class teacher to read 40 words; half of these are real words and half are alien (nonsense) words. They will need to be able to segment sounds and blend together to read it correctly. E.g. cloak c-l-oa-k. proam p-r-oa-m.

The pass mark is 32. We will let you know your child's score. We are required to submit their scores to the local authority.

## Visits and Visitors

Throughout the year, to enhance the children's learning and to gain first hand experiences, we will arrange for a trip out of school or take part in a workshop run by visitors in school. Some of these will be free, however, some will require some contribution from parents. (Using our own minibuses for most trips does keep costs down.)

Please see the table below for the main visits and visitors in Year 2 this year:

Half term	Visit or visitor	Approximate cost
Autumn 1	Trip to Thackray Medical Museum/Florence Nightingale Workshop	£9.25
Autumn 2	Skipping Workshop	Free
Spring 1	1960s Workshop	£6.00
Spring 2	Yorkshire Wildlife Park	£15.00
Summer 1	Mosque visit	Free
Summer 2	Skelton Grange Trip	£8.20

## Year 2 Blog

Every week we will update the Year 2 blog and inform you what your child has been learning about. We will also regularly post photographs and write about all the exciting things we do in Year 2. We will share the blog with your child and encourage them to look at it at home with family and friends. Please take the time to read our blog, give it a thumbs up and maybe even leave a comment – the children get very excited when they see a new message! Our blog can be found on the school website [www.farsleyfarfield.org.uk](http://www.farsleyfarfield.org.uk). Just click on the menu and then click class blogs and find the year 2 page. You should also receive an email alert when a new blog has been posted. If you don't get email alerts about new postings on the blog, please register your email address with the office.

If you have any concerns, please either talk to any of the staff in the class or you can email us on: [kathryn.lace@farsleyfarfield.org.uk](mailto:kathryn.lace@farsleyfarfield.org.uk) [natasha.loveridge@farsleyfarfield.org.uk](mailto:natasha.loveridge@farsleyfarfield.org.uk) [catherine.wilson@farsleyfarfield.org.uk](mailto:catherine.wilson@farsleyfarfield.org.uk)

As always, we thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Year 2 team

**Be safe** **Be the best you can be** **Be positive** **Be healthy** **Be a great learner** **Be a good citizen**