Welcome to Year 2

Walk On Water

2026-27

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The Year 2 Team

Class Teacher: Miss Millie Knights

Learning Support Assistants: Mrs Emma Marshall and Mrs Thomas

We are all here to help and support you and your child throughout their year at St Paul's. We would like to develop a working partnership with you to enable your child to reach their full potential. Please visit the regularly updated class pages on the school website which contains a wealth of information about the school events.

We are based in the Year 2 classroom on the Key Stage 1 playground, opposite the Hub, and we come into class via the Year 2 back door every morning.



Miss Knights



Mrs Marshall



Mrs Thomas

Parents' Evenings and Surgeries

Autumn Term – Individual consultations

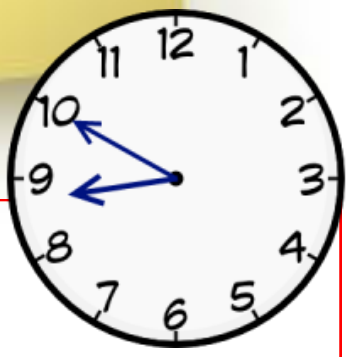
Spring Term – Individual consultations

Summer Term – Open Evening and Reports

Parent Surgery – Friday
(Please sign up if you would like an appointment)

Please encourage your child to share concerns with us during the school day, rather than going home with worries that could have been resolved immediately. If you have any problems please use the surgery.

However small the problem, it is always better to deal with any concerns immediately.



School Day

8.50am – 3.30 p.m.

Children can arrive from 8:40am. The register closes at 9 am. Children arriving after this time should sign in at the office who will send them into classrooms.

At the end of the day we will see the children out to parents on the KS1 playground and children who have not been collected will be taken to the school office. Parents will then be contacted by telephone.

If your child is unwell, please ring the school first thing in the morning to let us know of the reason for absence.

Holiday Dates

Notification of school term dates is always given in advance. Parents are expected to arrange family annual holidays to coincide with school holiday dates.

Curriculum

Children in Year 2 follow the National Curriculum. We aim to make all our lessons as creative as possible in order to engage and inspire the children and are constantly updating our lessons and approaches in line with our school vision. This year we have lots of new exciting topics so that we can learn more and remember more.

These include:

Autumn 1 **London's Burning!** - How did London change in the 1600s?



Autumn 2 **Welcome to London!** - What makes London a capital city?



Spring 1 **Victorious Victorians** - What legacy did the Victorians leave behind?



Spring 2 **The Royal Family** - How has the Royal Family changed?



Summer 1 **Hertfordshire and Beyond** - What impact do we have on our local area?



Summer 2 **Bonito Brazil!** - How is Rio De Janeiro different to London?



Half-termly curriculum newsletters and timetables can be found on the Year 2 page of the school website.

English and Mathematics are taught daily as these are core subjects. RE, Science, Computing, PE, PSHE and Music are taught each week. The children will be taught by a PE specialist one lesson per week.

Music, art, geography, history and design technology are taught throughout the year in focused topic times.

Sex Education forms part of the PSHE curriculum and is taught in the second half of the summer term. If you would like to view the material we will be using in Sex Education, please book a Parent Surgery session.

Since September 2005, all teachers have to receive 10% non-contact time per week. In Year 2, this takes place on Wednesday afternoons in the first half of each term and Tuesday afternoons in the second half of each term. The class will be taught by Mrs Chidley.

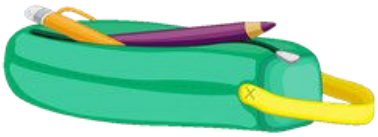
PE will take place on a Wednesday (with a specialist sports coach) and a Thursday (with Miss Knights).

Children should keep PE kits, including trainers, hair ties, (if required) and spare socks in school all week.





Library sessions are on a Tuesday. Children should remember their library books for these sessions.



Equipment

Children in Year 2 only need to bring a **small book bag** and a water bottle to school on a daily basis. They should also bring a pair of wellington boots to keep in school for outdoor learning sessions, OPAL and visits to the farm. They should keep a pair of trainers in their PE bags or in a carrier bag.

The children do not need to bring any other equipment into school. Please avoid sending in large backpacks as these do not always fit on their pegs. All pencils, pens and glue sticks will be provided. Some children may begin to write in pen in the Summer Term if they are correctly using cursive, joined handwriting.



School Visits

We intend to go on a school visit, invite a visitor into our class or have a workshop every term. If you, or anyone you know, has a particular link with any of our curriculum topics then please let us know. We would love to have you in as a visitor!

Autumn Term – St Paul's Cathedral trip.

Spring Term – Victorian theme day in school.

Summer Term - Walk to the local canal as part of our local area Geography unit.

Assessments

Children are assessed on a daily basis through general marking and feedback. Where there are individual areas for development we will notify you and ask for your support to help make progress. More formal assessments will take place at the end of each unit or half term and at the end of the year to inform teacher assessment.



Targets

The school uses a system of individual targets for writing and multiplication tables. These targets are identified as areas for improvement through analysis of assessment data and are based on what children should be able to do in a strand of the subject. Please discuss these targets with your child and work on these particular areas.

Classroom Organisation

Children will be grouped within the classroom for some activities. These groups are flexible and will be reviewed regularly. If you have any queries or concerns about these groupings, please share this with us. We will also provide opportunities for children to work within mixed ability groups and pairs.

We use named lolly sticks to allocate carpet spaces and talk partners at random every week. We will also use this system to allocate classroom jobs.



Home Learning

Reading

In Year 2, the children will be reading books that are matched to their phonic abilities. They will read a book in Little Wandle reading lessons three times per week. This book will then be sent home to be read at home with an adult. This book should be easily read by the child as they have read this book previously in class,

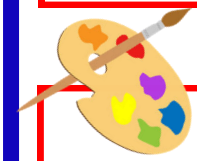
The children will also receive a challenge book linked to this level which will help them to develop as a reader.

Children are expected to read aloud to an adult at home **five times per week**. This should be a combination of their Little Wandle book and challenge book. Please record when they have read in their Link Book which will be checked daily.

Children will be rewarded with a yellow house point if they read four times in a week and a purple house point if they read more than this.

Spelling

Children will be issued with spellings on a Friday. They will then be tested on these spellings the following week. We encourage the children to practise learning to spell their words on a daily basis.



English, Science and Topic

Children will be given Science, RE or topic homework every other week. It will be given out on a Thursday and must be handed in on the following Tuesday. Children should spend **20 minutes** on this task. The perfect presentation rules in class also apply to home learning and written tasks should be done in pencil with joined handwriting.



Mathematics



Children will be given maths homework every other Thursday to consolidate the learning from that week and this must be handed in the following Tuesday. Children should spend **20 minutes** on this task. Maths homework should be completed in pencil and any lines or diagrams drawn with a ruler in line with our perfect presentation expectations.

Children will also be given a short multiplication tables test each week and are encouraged to use Times Table Rock Stars at least once a week at home.

If home learning is not completed and handed in by the deadline children may be asked to stay in during a break time to complete the task.

Snacks

Children in KS1 are provided with free fruit and vegetables. Each morning, your child is able to have a carton of milk with their playtime snack which will be provided by Dairy Link. You will be able to order this directly via https://www.dairylink-uk.com/

Click on the 'payments' tab and you can then select as many terms or half terms as you wish to pay for.

If your child is under 5, the system will take the order without paying for the milk. If you would like to provide a snack, this must be a fruit or vegetable.





Water

Water is food for the brain! We actively encourage your child to bring in a filled water bottle each day and to refill this when needed. Water bottles with a sports cap are perfect to reduce spillages!



Show and Tell

We do not have a weekly slot for Show and Tell but welcome children to bring things in from home that are linked to the topics we are learning about in class on a Friday. Please speak to me if you would like to bring something in. We also love to share the children's achievements so please encourage them to bring any successes in for WOW Worship every Friday.



Helping in school

We also welcome help on a regular basis or to support individual events. Regular parent helpers, (and preferably anyone who would like to help on class trips), need to be police checked. Please ask at the office for more details.



Our Golden Rules

Be respectful and polite

Be kind and thoughtful to others

Try your best

Be prepared and organised

Care for our school environment

Go above and beyond

Our whole school rewards system gives stickers, rewards and privileges as a reward for keeping the golden rules. These stickers are added to a reward card which, when full, will lead to various privileges.

Medicines

If your child suffers from asthma, allergies or any other condition please let the class teacher know.

Medicines are not allowed in school. The exceptions to this rule are blue inhalers and epi/Jext pens and medicines which have to be given over a prolonged period. Apart from these instances, if children need medicine during school time, parents are expected to come into school to administer this. In exceptional circumstances, the Headteacher may agree to alternative arrangements and the designated staff may be able to administer the medicine. If this is agreed a form must be completed at the office.

Uniform

See the policy but please remember **black shoes** should be worn indoors and trainers should only be worn for PE.

PE kits should also comply with school policy. Please make sure all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name (and be aware that names written on with biro fade with washing and need to be redone at regular intervals). Labels for shoes are available from some stockists.

Jewellery

A single or pair of stud earrings (no larger than 3mm) may be worn. **These must not be worn for PE. No other jewellery, including smart watches or Fit Bits are permitted. Jewellery, including earrings, need to be removed for PE.**

Hair

No hair gel, no hair colour. Only plain hair bands in school colours or scrunchies are permitted.

Long hair should be tied back wherever possible and this is compulsory during PE lessons.

In Year 2, we ask that you always try your best and show kindness to others. We look forward to sharing some wonderful learning experiences together this year and will share our journey with you on our class website page and in our class assemblies.

Miss Knights and the Year 2 Team



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