

Rewards/Sanctions Children will be rewarded for good behaviour/ work/ effort in class by moving their name up the colour chart; children on Gold at the end of each week will receive a 'Good to be Gold' sticker.

Equipment Book bags should be brought to school **every day**, to take home letters or homework. PE bags should remain on pegs all week. Each child has their own named set of equipment.

- Class 6 P.E. will be on Wednesday and Thursday,
- Class 5 P.E. will be on Tuesday and Friday.

Please ensure all PE kits, pumps, school coats, jumpers and water bottles are named.

Tuesday/Wednesday – Return Homework

Friday – Spelling Test

Recovery Curriculum Work is accessible to all the children and the children are encouraged to do their best, no matter what level they are working at. It is our job to find the gaps and teach the children so they are able to catch up with the End of Year 2 expectations by the end of this academic year. One thing we have noticed in both classes is that many children are not all correctly holding their pencils, and your support in correcting this would be very much appreciated. This image shows the tripod grip we are aiming for, with the middle finger behind the pencil, preventing it from slipping and the thumb placed on the pencil.



5-6 Years
Dynamic Tripod Grasp

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Welcome to Year 2

from

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Class 5

Class 6

**Information for the Parents and Carers of children
entering Year 2 in September 2020**

Welcome to Year 2!

We are delighted to be teaching your child for the forthcoming year and can assure you that they will enjoy a happy, safe and exciting time here in Year 2. Each child is individual and special and we will ensure that every child has the opportunity and support to meet their full potential and enjoy their learning experience in school. If you have any questions after reading this leaflet, then please ask.

Year 2 Expectations The children are now the oldest in the school and will have the opportunity to carry out more duties, such as leading church services, taking a lead role in the May Festival, including maypole dancing, and performing in the Year 2 musical, which takes place in July.

The children can say their goodbyes at the door and make their own way to their class each day. The children are usually given a small number puzzle or writing task between 8.45 and 9.05, so it is important you arrive in time. Missing this period of school on a daily basis can lead to children missing out on their reading time with an adult, so please make every effort to be in school on time.

We are both available before after school for anything you may need to mention briefly. The first Parents' meeting will be on **21st October**, but don't wait until then if you have any concerns.

Maths In Maths we are following a mastery curriculum, which provides the children with 4 challenges to complete in each lesson, with every child being supported to succeed and reach their potential.

English In addition to the usual Daily English and Phonics lessons, on a Friday we split into four spelling and comprehension groups. This is beneficial in developing the children's reading and understanding of the text, and allows the spellings to be differentiated.

Reading at home is very important at this age readers will be awarded with a certificate at the end of each half term if they have read over 20 times at home.

Children reading above Orange Level will have their reading supplemented with the Accelerated Reader computer program. This requires a book to be read 3 times at home and then an online quiz tests the children's understanding. (2 stamps will be awarded on the certificate every time a quiz is taken)

Homework We will listen to your child read at least twice a week; this may be on an individual or group basis (guided reading). Any child who has read their book at home can have a **new book every day**, if their book bag is placed in the **class book box** in the morning. Please try to listen to your child read for just 5-10 minutes every day. This will increase their fluency and ensure your child progresses well. We really do appreciate your support in this area, especially this year as due to Covid 19 there will be no volunteers in school to listen to children read.

Spellings will be sent home every week to be learnt using the look, cover, write, check method. Please complete the book and also try to spell the words throughout the week. Spellings will be tested on a Friday.

Each Friday a **homework sheet** (English, Maths or topic work) will be sent home. Homework should be returned by the following Wednesday and put in the homework tray.

Purple Mash. We will continue to set weekly homework on Purple Mash and publish suggested websites to complement the learning taking place in school. These can be found in the Year 2 Blog, in the Sharing tab on the Purple Mash Homepage.

