



Welcome to Year 2

Staff

Class	Teacher
2D	Miss Delaney
2SO	Mrs Sheehan & Mrs O'Neill
2K	Miss Kavanagh

Staff

Associate Staff

Mrs Savage (2K)

Miss Cameron (2D)

Mrs Delaney (2SO)

Mrs Ralph (2K)

Curriculum

- **RE** - prayers are said in the morning, at lunch time and at the end of the day in addition to our weekly lessons.
- **English** -phonics/SPAG sessions/Reading Practice. We will cover a range of genres - Non-fiction, Narrative and Poetry.
- **Maths** - Number knowledge, the four operations, geometry, fractions and Measures. Problem solving and reasoning is a key element in daily maths lessons.
- **Science** - Animals including Humans, Uses of everyday materials, Plants, Living things and their habitats.
- **History and Geography**- 'The Great Fire of London' and we will be comparing the UK with Africa.
- **Music** - Children will have weekly hymn practice and regular music lessons.

Curriculum

- **Art** - We will be trying to improve our drawing, sketching, painting and sculpture skills by using a wide range of techniques.
- **DT** - We will design, make and evaluate different products linked to the curriculum including cooking, nutrition and hygiene.
- **Computing** - Coding, E-Safety, Algorithms and using technology purposefully (learn pads, iPads and laptops).
- **PE** - Running, jumping, throwing and catching as well as developing balance, agility and coordination.
 - Participate in team games
 - Performance- dance and gymnastics
- **RSHE** - Children will be discussing growth mind-set, goal setting, achievement and how to take a positive approach to mental health.

Homework

- Every Friday homework is given out. Completed work should be handed in by the following Friday at the latest. Homework must be completed using a pencil and annotated if the child needed help to complete.
- Spellings will be given out Friday and your child will be tested the following Friday.
- Book bags only needed in school on Mondays and Fridays
- No pencil cases are needed in Year 2.

Reading

Reading at home is a key element for enabling your child to make progress.

Parents' role -

- Please read with your child for approximately 15 minutes each night and sign their reading record, indicating which book has been read and the current page number. Please note which books have been finished by each Monday.

School

- Books will only be changed once a week, on a Monday.
- The class teacher and teaching assistants will hear group reading, guided reading, class reading e.g. big books, reading from the board, reading employing phonics etc.
- Your child will be moved up to the next colour band when the Class Teacher and Teaching Assistant feel they are ready.

Assessment at Sacred Heart

We will communicate regularly with regards to your child's progress throughout the year. We will have a formal meeting twice a year (Autumn & Spring) and then a written report at the end of the year (Summer).

We will also be letting you know whether your child is at age related expectations or whether they are above or below age related expectations.

Practical Details

Uniform Policy

- Please ensure all uniform including blue/black coats and especially PE clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Remember NO earrings or watches in school please.
- Book bags are to be named clearly and if a child chooses to have a keyring only one is permitted.

Attendance and punctuality

- Unnecessary absences are detrimental to your child's learning.
- Registers - registers close at 8.50 am

End of day procedure

- Please ensure that you have updated the collection information for your child. Your child will be collected from the junior playground.

Communication-

- If you want to communicate with your child's teacher, please send an email or message via year2@shpsruislip.org. The teacher will then send a message back or call if necessary.

Year 2 Email

- The year group email for communication with the teacher is a key communication tool but it is important we use it as effectively as possible.

Please be reminded of the following:

- Email correspondence should only be used to answer important factual questions or to arrange a face to face meeting.
- **Emails will not be answered immediately, as teachers are in class** and planning and preparing lessons before and after school. Teachers will respond at the earliest opportunity (not including weekends or holidays).
- All emails are checked by the Phase leader/Senior leadership team.
- If you have an urgent concern or complaint then you should email the office. All absences should be recorded via the Weduc app, not by e-mail.

- Please ensure you use the school website to find out more information about Year 2 and the areas and content of the curriculum we will be covering.
- Every year group has a year page.
- This is found under the Children tab, Class pages, Year 2.
- A weekly newsletter will be sent out every Friday.

Drop off and pick up

- Reminders:
- As of this week the children should be starting to come into the classroom independently.
- End of day pick up is on the Junior playground, not outside the classroom. Teachers will dismiss the children from the line, once they see their adult, so please wait for them to come to you rather than approaching the line.