

Welcome to
Year 2



September
2025

The Y2 team

Mrs Anderson- Owls- Year group leader

 Mrs McCarthy (LSA)

Mrs Grass- Eagles Teacher

 Mrs Field (LSA)

Miss Pollins- Puffins Teacher

 Mrs Norton (LSA)

Your child is now in the second and final year of Key Stage One

- Doors 8.50- door open 5/10 mins early. Playground equipment should be left alone- children are your responsibility until we open the doors.
- Say goodbye at the wall- come in independently- getting ready for junior school!
- Any concerns or worries please catch the adults at the end of the day to arrange an appointment- always busy helping children settle in the morning.

Curriculum and trips

3 'learning journeys' across the year:

Fanfares and Fairytales, Pole to Pole and Living in England.

You will be sent the overview of the term via Parentmail.

Maths, Curious quests (!), Reading, Phonics/spelling taught everyday.



Autumn- Trip to Heaver Castle- volunteer helpers for Monday 13th (Owls and $\frac{1}{2}$ of Eagles), Friday 17th (Puffins and $\frac{1}{2}$ of Owls). Eagles check the letter to see which day your child is going.

Spring- Trip to the library in March (usually- dates TBC)

Summer- Local places of worship trip, St Johns Park end of term summer celebration (dates TBC)

We only ask for one voluntary fee for the trip this term- please pay ASAP otherwise we may not be able to go.

Invite to adults across the year

Half termly invites across the year...

Autumn 1- Class assembly celebration

Autumn 2- DT workshop- decoration making

Spring 1- Celebration of learning and art enterprise gallery

Spring 2- DT workshop- Snowmobiles

Summer 1-DT Workshop- sandwich making

Summer 2- leavers production

We love inviting you in-wider family can come too- look out for invites in the newsletter and parent mails for more details to follow.

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Playtimes: Playtime will happen in the Year 2 playground during the morning. There are a range of different toys out for the children to use such as cars and ramps, hoops, construction, books and writing. OPAL play always runs too except during adverse weather like downpours or very high winds.

Water: Research has shown how important it is to drink water during the day. Please ensure your child has a named water bottle to bring into school daily. They are able to refill their bottle in each classroom.

Absence from school: Please remember to always contact the school on your child's first day of absence.

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Reading: The children will read in class, groups and individually. Children will take part in Guided Reading sessions. A sticker will be added to your child's reading diary to show our learning.

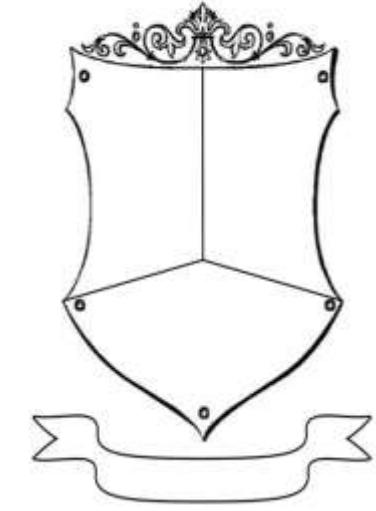
It is important that you read with your child for at least 4 times a week. Please see the reading agreement. New books will be sent home on a Friday. Home readers changed everyday.

If you require further advice about reading with your child (or reading to them), then do speak with your child's teacher who will be happy to discuss this with you.

Research shows there is a significant correlation between language use and attainment in all subjects. If we feel your child needs any specific support with their learning, we will contact you.

If you can volunteer to come and hear children read- please let us know.





Learning at home

Take home tasks- One every term- sent via Parentmail- coming very soon.

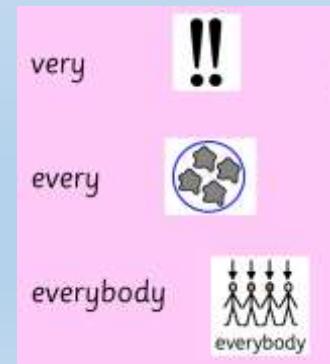
Fun, exciting activities to spend time together and create.

Please ask us if you are unsure of the task or need any resources, printing out.

Talk to me sheets parent-mailed every week

Contains spellings each week and our 'word aware' words.

Great opportunity to ask your children what they have been learning, get them to spell the words and see if they can read and spell them from memory.



PE: Children need to come into school wearing their PE kits. This is so we can avoid changing the children. PE days will be:
Puffins: Monday (Inside) and Tuesday (Outdoor).
Eagles: Wednesday (inside) and Friday (outside).
Owls: Monday (outside) Thursday (inside)

We follow West Sussex guidelines, which state that earrings must not be worn for PE. We therefore ask that you remove earrings on PE days. Cover up with tape if newly pierced. Please also ensure long hair is tied back. Please ensure your child has appropriate footwear for PE.

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Woodland Rangers- Starting this Friday for 4 weeks-

The children will come into school in joggers and a warm top and stay in these clothes for the whole day. We would also ask that the children have waterproof trousers and a waterproof jacket on these days. If you need help providing waterproof trousers, please ask your child's teacher as we have a few spare pairs that we can lend out.

Wellies and the Year 2 Garden: Please ensure your child has a named pair of wellies in school. They will be used regularly during the Winter when going on the field or when attending to the garden area. There are some spares left from last year if you would like to take them. L



Supply teachers:

PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) days occur fortnightly on a Wednesday. Mrs Morgan teaches Owls, Mrs Kemsley teaches Eagles, Ms Woodhead teaches in Puffins. Mrs Gospel/ Ms Bennett will be covering Mrs Anderson's leadership time occasionally too.

Assemblies:

Children are having whole school assemblies in the hall nearly everyday. On a Friday, we will continue to have Rainbow assembly in the hall where we celebrate whole class learning and linking to our behaviour curriculum.

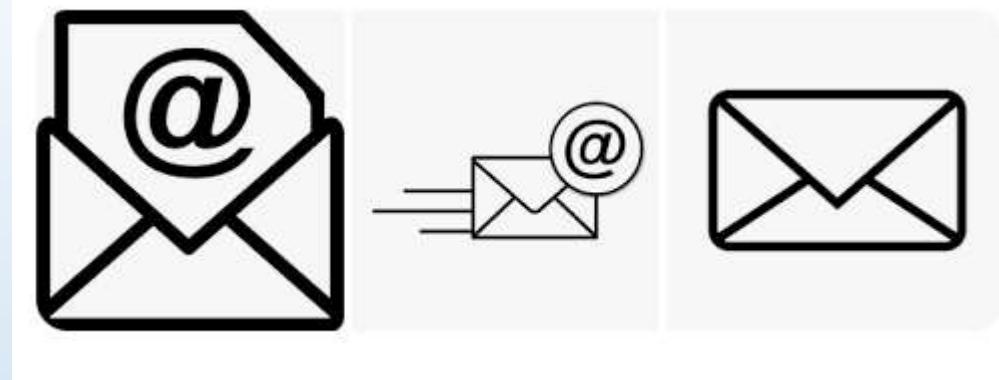


Collection at the end of the day: Please collect your child from the Year 2

Playground. We will try to be as prompt as we can as know some people have children to collect from Southway and other year groups.

If your child is being collected by someone else, or Pioneer, **please let your class teacher know.** Please wait behind the small wall in the Year Two playground, opposite your classroom and try to spread out, as it makes it much easier for the children to see you!

Contacting your teacher: Please talk to class teachers at the end of the day, or email the office, if you have any questions or worries about your child's learning. Please keep us informed of events that you feel might affect your child's performance or happiness at school. There are additional opportunities to discuss your child's progress in the Autumn and Spring terms at Parent/ Carer Consultation Evenings. The first of these will be after half term on 25th and 27th of November.



Contact Email addresses

Please contact the office and they will forward any emails on to us

office@thegattons.co.uk

Staff are not expected to answer emails before 8.30am or after 4.30pm or at weekends. If it urgent outside these times, please email head@thegattons.co.uk and speak to Mrs Gospel.

Finally....

Please name all uniform- especially outer layers- coats, jumpers etc.

Reading diaries in everyday- as they may read with an adult.

We are taking junk modelling donations for our daily curious quests inventuring. Please ensure it is washed out and rinsed before use (where applicable) and no empty cleaning products or egg boxes in Owls please. Any crafting bits too, old wool, string, stickers- if you're having a sort out offer it to us!



The Year 2 team are looking forward to working with you and your child and we sincerely hope it will be an enjoyable year. Thank you for all your support.

Any questions? L