Bonner Primary

Every Child Thrives

Year 2
Autumn 1

Curriculum Newsletter

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End of Year 2 Expectations

Writing

- Spell common words correctly (including tricky ones like because, people, children).
- Use phonics and spelling patterns (e.g. -ing, -ed, -er, -est).
- Use apostrophes for contractions and possession.
- Form letters correctly and of the right size.
- Use capital letters and lower-case letters appropriately.
- Leave clear spaces between words.
- Write short stories, reports, and descriptions with structure and detail.
- Use expanded noun phrases (the tall, green tree).
- Sequence ideas clearly (beginning → middle → end).
- Edit and improve writing with support.
- Capital letters, full stops, question marks, exclamation marks
- Commas in a lists
- Join ideas using and, but, because, when, etc.
- Use the correct tense (past/present) consistently.

Reading

Word Reading

- Apply phonics knowledge and decoding skills confidently.
- Read most common exception words (e.g. because, beautiful, sugar).
- Read aloud books matched to phonics ability with increasing fluency.
- Self-correct and re-read to improve accuracy and understanding.

Comprehension

- Listen to, discuss, and express views about a wide range of stories, poems, and non-fiction.
- Predict what might happen based on what has been read so far.
- Make inferences and answer questions about texts.
- Discuss favourite words and phrases, and how vocabulary affects meaning.

Maths

- Count in steps of 2, 3, and 5 from 0, and in tens from any number.
- Recognise, read and write numbers to at least 100.
- Understand place value in 2-digit numbers (tens and ones).
- Compare and order numbers up to 100.
- Recall and use number bonds to 20 and related facts up to 100.
- Add and subtract numbers using concrete objects, pictures, and mental and written methods.
- Solve addition and subtraction problems, including those with missing numbers.
- Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5, and 10 times tables.
- Calculate using arrays, repeated addition, mental methods, and practical resources.
- Solve problems involving multiplication and division.
- Recognise, find, name and write fractions (½, ⅓, ¼, ¾) of a shape, length, set, or quantity.
- Understand the equivalence of 2/4 and ½.
- Count in fractions up to 10.
- Use standard units to measure length, mass, temperature, and capacity.
- Use appropriate tools (ruler, scales, thermometer).
- Recognise and use symbols for £ and p; combine amounts; solve money problems.
- Tell and write time to five minutes, including quarter past/to; know how many minutes in an hour, hours in a day.
- Recognise and name 2D and 3D shapes.
- Describe properties of shapes (edges, vertices, faces).
- Interpret and construct simple pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams, and tables.
- Ask and answer questions about data.

Year 2

What to expect in Year 2

As your child progresses through Year 2, there will be a continued focus on phonics, alongside developing their skills in writing and Maths. They will explore new concepts, build writing stamina, and be given increasing opportunities to work independently in preparation for the transition to Year 3.

What about Year 2 SATs?

You may be aware that children previously completed national tests in Year 2 for reading, maths, and writing. These tests became optional from the 2023/24 academic year.

Your child will continue to be assessed by their class teacher, both daily and at the end of each term. This ongoing assessment helps ensure they are challenged appropriately and supported to achieve their best every day.

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English
Children will also be reading four brilliant books this term: Leopard's Drum, The Magic Paintbrush, The Marvellous Granny Jinks and Me, and a non-fiction text about Mary Seacole. They'll use these texts to inspire a range of writing, including descriptions, stories, and diary entries.

Maths
Children will develop their understanding of numbers to 100 before applying their knowledge to addition and subtraction. They will build fluency, confidence and reasoning skills through a range of practical activities and problem-solving tasks.

Science
Children will be considering how mammals grow! They'll look at what humans need to survive, how we change throughout our lives, how to stay healthy, how body parts grow and how animals grow and survive.

Computing
Children will learn about information technology, exploring how it is used in school and everyday life. They will also develop their understanding of how to use technology safely and responsibly.

Geography
This topic is about the seasons. Year 2 will learn about the weather, how we observe it, why it changes and weather maps!

PSHE
Children are learning all about health. They'll learn about emotions, talk about emotions and recognise emotions others might have.

Art & Design
We will be learning about abstract expressionism! Fancy! They'll create a colour field painting, expressive line drawings, action paintings and use music to inspire them.

Music
In Music this term, children will be learning about pulse, rhythm and pitch. They'll learn some different songs and express themselves in performance.

PE
Children will develop their teamwork, movement and ball skills through Attack, Defend, Shoot before exploring rhythm, coordination and expression in dance.

Educational Visits
Children will take part in a seasonal walk to the local park to support their geography learning and visit Tate Modern, where they will explore and respond to a range of inspiring works of art.

Whole School Events in Autumn 1

Meet the Teacher -
Please join us in Week 1 for Meet the Teacher, a chance to hear about the year ahead and ask any questions.
(Thursday 3rd September 3:30pm)

National Poetry Day
Thursday 1st October

Children will be taking part in activities across the school to celebrate National Poetry Day together.

Parents Evening 12th & 13th October 2026
We warmly invite you to Parents' Evening to discuss your child's progress and how they've settled into the new academic year.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month
This October, we will be celebrating Black History Month, and class assemblies will take place on **Wednesday 21st October 2:40pm**

MEET THE TEACHER

At Home in Year 2

How can I help my child in Year 2?

1. Help them understand what they read

As reading comprehension is so important in this year, checking your child's understanding of the book they are reading is an excellent way to support them. You can help them engage with their reading on a deeper level by asking questions. You can also do this when you are reading to them, which is still so important at this age.

2. Explore real-life Maths

Any opportunity to use maths in a real-life context is really useful. For example, ask them to help you pay for goods or calculate change when shopping. Learning to tell the time, especially to five minutes, is another great way to support your child's learning at home

3. Encourage independence

Finally, you can develop their independence at home by encouraging your child to get dressed on their own or organise their belongings more independently.

Year 2 Spelling List

door, floor, poor, because, find, kind, mind, behind, child, children*, wild, climb, most, only, both, old, cold, gold, hold, told, every, everybody, even, great, break, steak, pretty, beautiful, after, fast, last, past, father, class, grass, pass, plant, path, bath, hour, move, prove, improve, sure, sugar, eye, could, should, would, who, whole, any, many, clothes, busy, people, water, again, half, money, Mr, Mrs, parents, Christmas

What home learning will my child get?

Lots of daily reading! They can use online resources like Bug Club or the books in their book bag. It is so important to read every day.

Bug Club

Read Write Inc.

They can also do some Maths activities on Mathletics. This really helps them to consolidate the learning they have done in class.

Mathletics

How to Help at Home in Year 2

Speak to your child's teacher

Be sure to speak to your child's teacher at various (non-parent evening) times during the year when you need to. They will be keen to help with any areas of concern you might have. The teacher can also answer any questions you might have about home or school learning. If you have concerns about your child's progress or attainment in reading or writing, please speak to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. If it is appropriate, the class teacher may refer your child on to the school SENCO, who will work with you to identify your child's needs and put suitable provision into place.

Don't forget that you can 'Share a Book' with your child in class on Friday mornings (8:50-9:10)