

Friday 5th of September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers and children of Y2,

Welcome to Y2! We hope everyone has had a lovely holiday and is fully recharged for a fun filled year in Y2. We have loved being back with the children, enjoying their company and starting to get to know them.

Here is some important information to explain things for the Autumn Term and life in Y2. There is quite a lot to pass on, so make yourself a cup of tea and have a read!

The Y2 Team

- Mrs. Troop (Sycamore Class Teacher)
- Mrs. Garrett (Willow Class Teacher) - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
- Mrs. Mason (Willow Class Teacher) - Thursday and Friday
- Mrs. Batchford (L:Teaching Assistant) - Monday - Thursday
- Mrs. Hutchins (L:Teaching Assistant) - Afternoons
- Mrs. Ellis (L:Teaching Assistant) Monday - Wednesday mornings
- Ms. John (L:Teaching Assistant) - Thursday and Friday mornings
- Miss Thomas (L:Teaching Assistant)
- Miss Desborough (Teaches 2 Sycamore PPA on Tuesday)
- Mrs. Selby (Teaches 2 Willow PPA on Tuesday am and Thursday pm)

The Autumn Term theme for Year 2 is **The world and my place in it - Identity** and our unit will be called 'Regal Rulers'. Many areas of the curriculum are being taught through this theme, whereas others are taught discretely. Please see the enclosed curriculum topic web for information. Maybe your child would like to tick the areas off as they learn about them in class.

Reading

We would like you to listen to your child read for 10 minutes per day, mainly their banded reading book. Please ensure to fill out your child's reading record when they read to you at home. Regular reading really helps to improve fluency, sight vocabulary and enjoyment of a range of books in varying genres, so we hope that you will support us getting your child to "Love To Read".



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Weekly Homework

- **Maths Homework** - every Friday we will give an assignment to be completed by the following Friday. We do expect all children to complete the weekly homework.
- **Spellings** - Spelling Tests happen on Friday. Please can your child practice the weekly spelling pattern ready for the test. It is about learning a spelling pattern to implement into our writing as well as the words for the test. Please help them to keep thinking about the spelling rules. We'll put the words on Spelling Shed too.

Autumn Homework Menu

- Research the life of Henry VIII or Queen Victoria and bring in 4 key facts you have learnt.
- Sketch a drawing of Henry VIII's beloved Mary Rose Galleon.
- Make your very own Victorian spinning top.
- Why not bake your own Victoria Sponge! Make sure you weigh the ingredients carefully.

Correspondence - On the school website, we will aim to upload important dates, information and celebrations to the Year 2 pages. If you need to contact us about anything personal to your child, please come and chat to us at the end of the day or send an email to your child's class teacher:

- atroop@parkdale.notts.sch.uk
- cgarrett@parkdale.notts.sch.uk
- caroline.mason@parkdale.notts.sch.uk

PE - We do PE on Mondays and Thursday, so children should arrive at school in the correct PE kit on these days. Earrings should not be worn for safety reasons. However, if this is not possible with new piercings, then plasters must be brought to school by your child, to put over earrings on PE days. This allowance will only be made for the duration of the healing time, after which time the earrings must not be worn on PE days unless your child can remove them by themselves.

Forest School - This will take place on Tuesdays. We would appreciate if the children could attend school in their PE kit along with appropriate accessories for the weather - hats, gloves, scarf, wellies or a sun hat depending on the weather.

Volunteers - We are always interested in any volunteers to come and help in school with readers or to support on trips. If you are available to support us in Year 2, please have a word with your class teacher.

We hope this letter has provided some useful information for life in Y2. As always, we thank you in advance for all of your support.

Your children are a fantastic bunch!

The Year 2 Team

