



The
Year Ahead
in
Owl Class
(Year 2)

2022-2023



Staff

Mrs Pauline Luebcke – Class Teacher, Assistant Headteacher for SEND.

-teaching in class on Monday and Tuesday + in school on Wednesday and Thursday as SENDCo.

Miss Erin Blesic – Class Teacher

-teaching in class on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Mrs Karen Brown – Higher Level Teaching Assistant

-working with the class to support teaching and learning. Mrs Brown teaches the Year 2 class for one session per week, covering the class teachers' PPA time.

Mrs Emma Harwood – Higher Level Teaching Assistant for SEND

- working Wednesdays to support teaching and learning within the classroom.

Miss Bobbi Smith – 1:1 Teaching Assistant and Class Teaching Assistant

- working Monday and Tuesday to support a 1:1 pupil and Thursday, Fridays to support teaching and learning within the classroom

Mrs Lisa Ivey – 1:1 Teaching Assistant and Class Teaching Assistant

- working daily to support a 1:1 pupil and supporting with speech and language development Tuesday and Thursdays.

Mrs Stephanie Hicks – 1:1 Teaching Assistant

- working Wednesday, Thursday and Friday supporting a 1:1 pupil.

Our Class

There are 25 pupils in Year 2. Classroom organisation is a mixture of whole class, group, paired and individual teaching. Groupings are flexible and change to reflect the work being undertaken.

Expectations

We have high expectations of each child in our class in each aspect of their school life, including classwork, behaviour and attitude to others.

We have devised the following class 'golden rules' with the children.

We will try to:-

- listen to each other and show respect to everyone
- look after and share our resources and classroom
- be kind and care about our classmates
- make good choices
- always try our best and give anything a go!

Every day is a new day. We emphasise the positive and reward good behaviour with 'house points.' You will already be aware that we have four houses and your child will still be in the same house as they were in Year 1:- **Rashford** **Yousafzai** **Rosen** **Packham**



Merit Certificates

Individual or class merits are awarded in our Friday Celebration Assembly.

Everyone can!

We will be encouraging a growth mind set in the class through a display celebrating the children's positive attitude toward their learning and trying their best.

Communication

As you will be aware from Mrs How's information at the start of term, all communication is to be through the office at the following email address:- office@steplemorden.cambs.sch.uk

Please be aware that teaching staff will not be able to reply immediately as they will be in class teaching all day but will endeavour to respond as soon as possible.

Please ensure that you report absences (planned or otherwise) to the office by telephone.

Please read 'The Star' every week to keep up-to-date with general school news and information specific to Year 2. Important information is generally shared by **Parentmail** so please make sure you are signed up and check this regularly.

The **school website** is full of useful information. www.steplemorden.cambs.sch.uk

We have a Year 2 class page where we post information about the work we have been doing in class, along with photos of lessons, school projects and special events, a class timetable and news about our curriculum themes.

Parent Consultations


There are regular timetabled meetings with parents throughout the school year. This term Parent Consultations will be organised in person and as a school we are really looking forward to meeting parents face-to-face again.

Tuesday 18th October	Individual meeting after school to discuss settling in/exchange of information (10mins).
Thursday 20th October	
March – dates tbc	Consultation to discuss progress. (10 mins)
July	End of year written reports

End of KS1 Assessments & Phonic Screening

The Government requires schools to complete End of Key Stage Assessments for children in Year 2 and a retake of the Phonics Screening for those children who did not achieve the required level in Year 1. Anyone requiring a re-test will take this in June 2023.

SATs – or Standard Assessment Tasks or Tests - are a tool to gauge your child's progress and assist with the teacher's own assessments based on class work. These are completed within the normal



classroom environment during the summer term. We will send home more details of this nearer the time.

Physical Education

P.E. usually takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays. Your child's P.E. kit needs to remain in school **all week**. The children need to bring **named P.E kit** in a separate bag: plain black, blue or white shorts, t-shirt (in house colours if possible) and socks & trainers for outdoors – please note that plimsolls or similar are not suitable outdoor PE footwear. Since we will be going outside for some of our PE lessons this term, children will also need jogging bottoms and sweatshirts (without hoods) to wear in colder weather. For Health & Safety reasons, children should remember to bring hair ties for long (below shoulder length) hair. Ideally, no jewellery should be worn in school and earrings must be removed for all PE lessons.

Helping your child at home

Autumn Term Curriculum Theme:- 'A Walk on the Wild Side...'

Our focus will be animal habitats around the world. We are planning a visit to **Woburn Safari Park later this term** when we will tour the park in addition to taking part in a teaching session led by one of the Park Rangers in the Education Centre. We will let you know further details as soon as the visit is confirmed.


Each half term your child will be given a selection of activities to choose from based on this curriculum theme. It will be their choice as to which activity they complete each week. They will have a folder and notebook to work in and the hand in day is **Wednesday**. The activities are designed to be fun! Homework will be marked and folders returned on Fridays.

The following are activities that you are able to begin to work on straight away with your child at home:-

Maths: We are particularly keen for your child to be confident in Maths and you have a key role to play in this. Please take any opportunity to use number skills in everyday life e.g., count on the way to school – forwards and backwards in 2s, 3s, 5s, 10s, use money and give change, tell the time, read weighing scales when cooking, play numerical board games etc. It can make such a difference to a child's confidence levels if they see that Maths is fun and not something to be scared of! Please reinforce this message at home!

We will be introducing the children to **'Mathletics'** for the first time this half term and sending home password details. This is a way of developing key Maths skills in a fun and engaging way. We will set weekly tasks on Fridays and the children will have the opportunity to earn Mathletics certificates to bring home.

Tackling Tables: We introduce the children to Tackling Tables in Year 2. When the children have familiarised themselves with the cards and games, we encourage parents to purchase a 'Home Pack' so that you are also able to practise at home. We will send home further details about this later in the term.



Reading: We are reading with the children individually every day or as part of a Guided Reading session in school. Please do listen to your child read at home as often as you can and ideally every day or read together and then discuss the book/section together, (even if they are a fluent reader!) This ensures that your child has fully understood what they have read.

Your child has been given a Reading Record Booklet and Phonics Log. Please make a short record in here every time you hear your child read.

Spelling: Your child will receive a list of patterns/words to practise weekly. These are linked to our Phonics and English work. The focus in Year 2 lessons is on learning strategies and patterns for spelling, and rules for tenses and prefixes/suffixes. We will soon begin to send a folder home with spellings in for your child to practise at home using the **Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check** method. Please return these to school every Monday for us to test the children on the spellings that they have had and to give them new spellings for the week ahead.

Spelling Frame: This is an additional online resource that you can use to help practise your child's weekly spelling patterns. We will send home password details for this as we do with Mathletics.

Homework at a Glance

Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Reading as often as possible, ideally every day.				
Mental Maths Games / Mathletics – ideally a short practice every day.				
Spelling Folder/Spelling Frame – ideally a short practice every day.				
Tackling Tables (Spring Term onwards) – practise with the card sets as often as possible				
Spelling Folders needed in school for new spellings to be sent home.		Homework returned to school for marking.		Homework folders sent home.

Additional Information:

Water Bottles

Please could you provide your child with a named water bottle to have in school **every day**. It is very important for the children to be able to help themselves to a drink of water whenever they need it.

Suitable Clothing

Please make sure that your child comes to school with a cardigan or sweatshirt and a waterproof coat. The weather can be very changeable in the Autumn Term and we will be going outside every day and working in our classrooms with doors and windows open!



Snacks and Lunches

Please remember we aim to be a NUT FREE SCHOOL as we have children and staff in our school who have severe nut allergies. Please do ensure that any food brought into school is nut free

Children in Year 2 have a healthy fruit snack provided for them at break time which we encourage them all to try. This could be apples, pears, bananas, tomatoes, peppers, fresh peas, sultanas etc. If you would like to send in a snack for your child, **please ensure it is a piece of fresh fruit or other healthy snack.**

At lunchtimes we have noticed that some of the children might need a little reminder about how to cut up food with a knife and fork. A little bit of practice at home would be very helpful so they are confident to do this themselves in school.

Recorders

We are aware some of the children are very excited to learn the recorder this year and we aim to start lesson in January. We will send home further information about this shortly.

Languages

The language we will focus on in Year 2 will be **Spanish**.

We will focus on the basics such as greetings, colours, numbers and basic classroom language, answering the register, names for items of classroom equipment etc.

Children will also learn about some of the customs and celebrations which take place in their chosen country. The language will be taught through listening to songs and playing games ... the whole point is to have fun while learning.

Parental Help

The whole school is keen to encourage parents coming in again now it is allowed and parental help is much appreciated. If you would like to help us in Year 2, we would love to hear from you with a view to starting after half term.

If you have any questions about anything, please email us via the school office and we will get back to you.

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