

Welcome to Year 2



As your child is starting Year Two in September, I have tried to put together some answers to frequently asked questions you may have.

Who are my teachers?

Miss Bahia – Y2 Class Teacher

Miss Brunt – PPA Teacher (Tuesday afternoon)

Mrs Simmonds – Class TA (Mon-Fri mornings)



Where do I drop off or collect my child?

Mornings are exactly the same system as you have had in Year One. Drop off at the gate and the children will walk around to the Y2 cloakroom door. From September, children will need to arrive through the gates at 8.40am, to be registered at 8.45am in the classroom. School officially finishes for KS1 at 3.15pm and you can collect your child from the Y2 cloakroom door under the canopy (just before you walk up to the playground).



How is Year 2 different to Year 1?

In Year Two we continue to follow the Key Stage One curriculum. We teach all subjects such as Maths, English, Phonics, Science, History, Geography, Computing, Music, Art, Design & Technology and PSHE.

Expectations are higher but the children adapt really well and I try to make lessons as fun as possible!

In lessons the children are often taught whole class, then sent to do an activity based on the learning. This activity may be adult supported or may be independent. We do not have 'choosing' time but we do have golden time on a Friday which the children love!

What does a typical day look like in Year 2?

8.40 Gates open

8.45am Register while the children do sentence of the day and practise spellings on their whiteboards.

9.00-9.35am Phonics

9.35-10.00am Guided reading and spellings

10.00-10.10am Toilet & Drink Break and ERIC time

10.10-11.00am English

11.00- 11.15am BREAK Time

11.15 - 12.15 Maths

12.15-1.15pm Lunch



1.15-1.25pm Register and quick maths

1.25 - 2.50pm Lesson (e.g. Science, History, Computing etc.) and the daily mile

2.50pm Collective Worship

3.15pm Home



How can I help my child?

You will hear me say this a lot but... **the best thing you can do with your child is READING**. It is so important at this age to practise reading at home. Children that fall behind are often those that do not read at home, as well as school.

In Year Two we continue to take part in the whole school reading programme. Every child must read at least three times a week and have their yellow reading diary signed 3 times a week. This will gain them a sticker for their reading passport, which will eventually gain them a prize at the end of the year if they complete all the countries. (You will find the passport in the back of their reading diary in September).

Do they have homework?

The children will have reading (3 times a week) and weekly spellings (for a test on Friday).

What does my child need to bring to school?

PE bag - including shorts, t-shirt (house colour), PE shoes (& warm PE clothes if we go outside).



Book bag - must be in school every day with reading books inside. **(No rucksacks in KS1)**

Water bottle



Lunch box (if required)

PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS BOUGHT INTO SCHOOL.

How do I contact the school?

You can always contact the school office as normal. The main email address is admin@leonardstanley.gloucs.sch.uk.

Our class email is pbahia@leonardstanley.gloucs.sch.uk or I am often around at the end of the day if you need to speak. We are always open and would rather you spoke to us if something is worrying you/your child, however big or small.

Are there any costs in Year 2?

Trip - We have a big trip in the Autumn or Summer term which should cost no more than £15 (TBC)

Swimming – Hopefully in the Summer Term (around £12) (TBC)



What are the school rules and behaviour system?

Our Bee Rules are used throughout the school from Reception to Year 6. We use them in our learning and around the school.



In our classroom we have the behaviour chart. Most of the time the children are given a warning. If they continue they will go on the cloud until they earn themselves back on the sunshine.

If they continue they may move to the raindrop. Sometimes they may go straight to the raindrop if it is a zero-tolerance act. If your child is ever on the raindrop we will inform you.

Every child that stays on the sunshine all term, receives a rainbow certificate at the end of term.

Sometimes children are outstanding. This may get them moved to the Rainbow and they get a chance to choose from the prize box.



Zero tolerance = straight to raindrop

- **Verbal abuse:** offensive name-calling, swearing and threatening language
- **Physical abuse:** any unacceptable contact with another child e.g. punching, kicking, pinching, hitting, slapping, grabbing, etc.
- **Mental abuse:** bullying - something that goes on day after day after day and includes cyber-bullying, prejudice-based bullying, homophobic bullying and derogatory or aggressive language.
- **Theft and Destruction of Property**
- **Breaking of School Rules**

We are really looking forward to a fun-filled year with the children!

Look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best wishes,

The Year Two Team

Miss Bahia, Miss Brunt & Mrs Simmonds

