

# Year 2



## Autumn 1

Welcome to Year 2!

We hope you have had a lovely summer holiday and are ready and raring to go! We are so excited to welcome you to Year 2 as we have many exciting things planned throughout the year.



The Staff working within Year 2 are:

- Teachers - Miss Trolley, Mrs Cox (Robin Hood Class) and Miss Cook (Major Oak Class)
- Teaching assistants - Miss Milnes (Robin Hood Class) and Miss Cook (Major Oak Class)
- Throughout the week, many of the Year 2 children will also be taught by Mrs Willis and Mr Kirkwood

Our unit of learning this half term is the Rainforest. **We have our trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park on the 19<sup>th</sup> September.** Whilst at the Wildlife Park, we will be having an educational talk about the rainforest to support us with our learning in school. Please remember to pay for this on the school gateway.

We love reading at King Edwin Primary School! Reading books at home is something the children should be experiencing every single day. We ask you as parents/carers to read with your children daily and record this in their reading diaries. Please also talk about their reading book to ensure they have a good understanding of what they have read. Please use the word lists in the diaries to practise reading sight words. Your child will be able to change their school reading book every Monday if they have read their book and this has been recorded in their diary. Please ensure your child's reading book and diary come to school every day as they may read with adults.

In addition, all children will visit KEPS School Library once a week to access a wider range of reading materials and will be able to select a book from here too.

Physical Education (PE) is a compulsory and vital part of your child's education. We ask that kit is brought into school in a bag so your child can change. Your child should have the following basic kit in order for them to fully participate in weekly PE sessions:

- White t-shirt
- Navy shorts
- Trainers / pumps

In addition we would also like you to provide:

- Blue/grey/black hoody/fleece and tracksuit bottoms during cold weather

Please ensure that all kit and school uniform is clearly labelled. Earrings need to be removed in order for children to take part in PE as staff cannot remove these. Long hair should also be tied back. Our PE days are *Wednesdays and Thursdays (Robin Hood Class) and Wednesdays and Fridays (Major Oak Class)*.

Look out for dates for Forest School sessions too! Your child will need appropriate footwear (wellies/trainers) as well as clothing that covers their legs (joggers/leggings).

### **Routines:**

School begins at 9:00am and finishes at 3:30pm

Teachers are available to talk to if something important needs to be discussed and will be in their classrooms from 8.50am. If you require a longer period of time to talk to the teacher, please arrange an appointment. Our Early Bird Reading sessions will also continue On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings 8:50am - 9am. This special time is for you to spend with your child, reading together and your child must be accompanied by an adult at these times, it is not an earlier drop off time.

If a different person will be collecting your child from school (even if this is a family member) please let a staff member know or call the office if this is a last minute arrangement. WE WILL NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILD HOME WITH ANYONE IF WE HAVEN'T BEEN TOLD, EVEN IF WE KNOW THIS PERSON.

Water is available for the children to drink throughout the day. A water bottle needs to be provided from home and will be sent home daily to be cleaned.

The children will continue to receive homework in the 'bingo' style format. Some of these projects may be set as 'assignments' on our Teams platform but this will be made clear on the homework information shared. Each homework activity will relate to what the children are learning about and they can choose which activities they would like to complete and when. Activities are chosen to insight a love of learning and a thirst for knowledge. Homework should be viewed as a chance for children to play to their strengths - if they are brilliant on the computer - do it on the computer, if they are artistic - let them show that. Children who complete their homework will be rewarded for each piece they do and will receive a certificate to reflect how many pieces they have completed. In addition to this, we also encourage the children to access the DoodleMaths/English/Spelling learning platforms. We will be sending home spellings for your child to learn on a weekly basis. These will be assessed weekly. These words typically link to the phonics/spelling rule focus for that particular week but also expose the children to the statutory words for Year 1 and 2 (these can also be found in the back of the reading diaries). Please find some time to practise these with your child.

Our school Twitter is a great way of getting to see some of the fabulous work that your child does in school (#classof2029). The bingo homework, letters and updates will be shared via email and on our Teams pages. In addition, the school website contains lots of information too so it is worth checking regularly.

<http://www.kingedwin.notts.sch.uk/>

### How can you help your child at home?

- Read daily with your child and record it in their reading diary, this doesn't always have to be their school book.
- Practising weekly spellings
- Practise reading and spelling sight words (in the back of the reading diary).
- Encourage your child to be more independent.
- Learn with them by completing their 'Bingo' homework activities.
- Completing activities on DoodleMaths/English/Spelling.

Many thanks for your continued support. If you have any questions or queries at any point, please send us an email:

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### The Year 2 Team