

Gladstone Road Primary School

Y2 Welcome Letter for parents



Welcome to Y2!

Hello and welcome to Year 2!

Everything is a very unusual this year so we are trying to put in a few things to ease the move into the year group.

We have discussed the best way to contact parents and we have decided as not all children have access to a tablet/phone we will be doing an individual phone call rather than anything like Zoom. In a few weeks Teachers will ring you for a quick chat and for your child to say hi if they want to! This will be also be an opportunity to discuss your child's report with your new class teacher. Nearer the time a text will be sent a few days before telling you which day to expect the call.

There is an activity which we would like your child to do and can be sent to school by email (admin@gladstone.n-yorks.sch.uk), come and post in the school letter box in the entrance or post!

New classteachers will be starting to go onto Purple Mash to see your child's work as well as current classteachers. Also they will be setting a weekly challenge on here. Don't worry if you can't access Purple Mash as we know everyone can't– this isn't going to be a problem.

New classteachers have already had a transition meeting with current classteachers (if they are not moving up with them!) to find out about each pupil and the best way they learn and much more.

Year 2 Staff.

The Year 2 team includes:

Mrs K Hill (2H) Year 1/2 Phase Leader supported by Mrs Ward

Mrs N Broughton (2B) supported by Mrs Midgley

Mrs G Wheelen (2W) supported by Mrs Symonds



Useful Information (if everything return to normal in September)

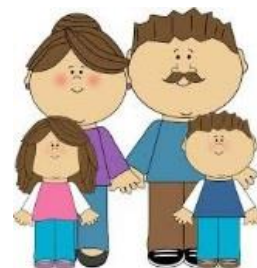
Curriculum

- Our new curriculum plan will soon be on the website which the staff have worked really hard to develop which will inspire the children.
- We will be sending you a copy of this once it has had the final checks!



End / Start of the School Day

Members of the Senior Leadership Team will be positioned around all the entrances into school every morning and making regular visits to the park/all-weather pitch. Feedback shows this is a real benefit to the school community.



Start of the School Day

From the main playground all children will enter school through the door to the right of the EYFS yard. A Teaching Assistant will open the door and will be available to pass on any messages to the relevant teacher. Teachers are based in classrooms at this time to welcome the children.

End of the School Day

If you collect from the main playground can we please ask that you stand towards the back of the playground on the green area so that the EYFS children can be collected before Y1 and Y2. If someone other than yourself is collecting your child, please inform the school via the Teaching Assistant in the morning, or by phoning the school office.

Drinks & Healthy Snacks for breaktimes

We do provide fruit for pupils each day. All children are encouraged to try the snack and fresh water is available on the playground.

Please provide a named water bottle, which is taken home daily to be washed and refilled. Pupils can refill their bottles during the school day.



School uniform

- Coats, jumpers, packed lunch boxes, PE kits and **anything else** must be named! It is sad to see all out lost-property.
- School shoes need to be black
- Plans were underway for a box in the entrance where used uniform (in good condition) would be dropped off by parents. Parents would be able to pop in at any time to pick up any uniform. This is still in our plans to introduce.

PE

- P.E. is on a Tuesday and another day yet to be confirmed
- PE kit that includes blue shorts and a yellow T-shirt (No football or rugby kits are to be worn)
- Some lessons are outdoors so include track suit bottoms.
- All belongings are clearly labelled and PE kits are kept in school in labelled PE bags.
- Trainers or suitable foot wear
- No jewellery is to be worn so if earrings are not removed micro pore tape/plasters must be provided.



Reading

For a child to progress in all areas of the curriculum, they should be reading for 15 minutes reading every day.

- Please sign their reading diary every time you hear your child read.
- Your child will receive a gold star for every 5 times they've read.
- Books can be changed every day.
- Reading diaries should be brought into school every day and we will award the reading in our weekly assemblies.
- Our library slot is every Tuesday.



Spellings

In the front of your child's Busy Book there is a list of the Y2 spelling words. Please select a few at a time to practise. There will be little quizzes of these words and we will be looking out for the correct spellings being used in children's writing.



Maths

In Year 2 we continue the children's journey with 'Maths No Problem!' The children will continue to engage with the characters and work together to solve the various Maths problems that they have. To start the term we will be looking at Place Value, Addition & subtraction



Homework

In addition to their Reading and Phonics homework, your child will have a Busy Book in their book bag. This can be used to show any learning or activity that has happened at home. For example, if your family has a special day out, your child may like to draw or write about it. Photographs can be used, too. Alternatively, if your child is particularly interested in something, they may wish to research it and write or draw about what they have found out. Children use their Busy Books in many ways and we really enjoy looking at what they bring in. On occasions we may set challenges which require the children to bring something in or find something out. This will be linked to our classwork and theme. We really value these links with their homes.

