



# Welcome to Year 2

– RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIPS – RESILIENCE –

## The Y2 Team:

Miss Wilson (Class teacher, Yewbarrow)  
Mrs Lowther (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Moorhouse (Thurs  
7 Fri) (Class teachers, Outerside)  
Mrs Hunter (Teaching Assistant)  
Miss Pinder (Teaching Assistant)  
Mrs Chapman (Teaching Assistant)

Some lessons will be taught by:  
Mr Corrie (Assistant Headteacher)  
Mrs Osborne (PPA teacher)

## Homework in Y2:

Homework is an important way of practising skills learnt in school. Please try to fit in the following, though we recognise that families are very busy:

- Read for 10 minutes a day alongside your child.
- Encourage your child to spend 3 to 4 minutes, five times a week on Numbots.
- Complete weekly Ed Shed assignments that link to the learning from our phonics lessons.

## Key texts we will study in Literacy this year:

These are the books we will use to inspire our writing learning this year. We encourage you to borrow these from the local library and enjoy them at home when they are being studied too.

- Beegu by Alexis Deacon
- Little Red Riding Hood by Mara Alperin
- Little Red Reading Hood by Lucy Rowland
- The Great Fire of London by Emma Adams
- The Usborne Big Book of Christmas Things to Make and Do by Fiona Watt
- The Hen Who Wouldn't Give Up and The Cat Who Wanted To Go Home by Jill Tomlinson
- We Build Our Homes by Laura Knowles
- Out and About: A First Book of Poems by Shirley Hughes
- The Magic Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton
- Florence Nightingale by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara
- Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World by Kate Pankhurst
- The Owl and the Pussy-Cat by Edward Lear

## PE Timetable:

Pupils in Y2 will have PE on Tuesday and Thursday. They should come to school in their correct PE kit and trainers on these days.

## Class Dojo:

Y2 staff will use Class Dojo to communicate key messages or important reminders with you. These will appear in the 'class story' section of Dojo. We hope this will help parents and carers keep informed about what is happening in school.



## Topics we will cover:

Our planned curriculum is broad, balanced and planned to spark interests and curiosity in your children. Here is a brief overview of the topics we will cover this year:

| Term:         | Topics:  |
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| <b>Autumn</b> | Great Fire of London<br>Maps<br>Everyday Materials<br>Mechanisms<br>Seascapes                            |
| <b>Spring</b> | Caxton and Bell<br>Weather<br>Animals inc Humans<br>Plants<br>Cooking & Nutrition<br>Animal Collage      |
| <b>Summer</b> | Mary Seacole and<br>Florence Nightingale<br>UK Geography<br>Habitats<br>Textiles<br>Drawing - Light/Dark |

# Other important reminders:

## School day timings:

*“Be at the door by 8:54”*

- School opens from 8:45am for staggered entry. Registers are taken promptly at 8:55am.
- Any child arriving after 8:55am is late and will need to enter school via the main school office.

The school day ends at 3:15pm.

## Family involvement in school life:

We are delighted if parents/grandparents would like to help and be involved in classroom activities. If you are able to offer your time, please see your child’s class teacher. Help with reading and walking children to and from the Leisure Centre for swimming lessons (summer term) is appreciated.

## School uniform:

Please label all clothing with your child’s name. We have dozens of items of unnamed uniform lost each month across school. Our agreed school uniform can be found on our school website: [Heron Hill Primary School - Uniform](#)

To promote recycling and re-using uniform, Friends of Heron Hill manage a pre-loved uniform swap. Items are free but you can choose to make a small donation (which goes towards funding school visits and special events for our pupils). FOHH holds a termly uniform stall but you can also request items by emailing [admin@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk) If we have uniform items in stock, we will be delighted to pass them on. If you have uniform items which are in good condition but too small for your child, please donate them to the uniform swap.

## Reports and parents' evenings:

There are 2 compulsory parent consultation evenings: one in October, another in March. Written reports are issued in July and reflect your child’s achievements for the whole year. An optional parent consultation is offered after reports, if required.

## Snacks:

All year groups have a morning break each day. In Year 2 we have a piece of fruit provided by Free Fruit for Schools and this gives them a little energy boost until lunchtime. If you would like your child to have milk, please see the school office.

## Water bottles:

All pupils need a named water bottle in school every day. This must not contain juice or squash and should contain water only. Pupils will be encouraged to stay hydrated through the school day as this is good for their brain health and concentration.

## Lunchtime:

Our catering provider TNS provide a high-quality range of hot school meals daily for the price of £3.25 per meal. The latest menu is visible on the SCOPay platform which is also where you can place orders.

The government’s Universal Free School Meal programme automatically provides a FREE meal to ALL pupils in Reception, Y1 and Y2.

If preferred, a packed lunch can be provided by home. This must contain a balanced meal and not include large quantities of high-sugar products. Nuts and peanuts are not permitted in school under any circumstances. Please check lunchbox items to ensure they do not contain nuts/peanuts.

