



Welcome back to school



We are so happy that you are joining Year 2 in September. All the grown-ups are really looking forward to meeting you and being part of your learning.

Here is some information about your new year group so you are ready on your first day.

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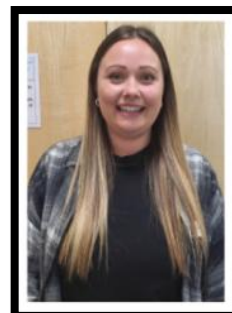
Here are the adults in the Year 2 team



Miss Forrest



Miss Nicol



Miss Brock



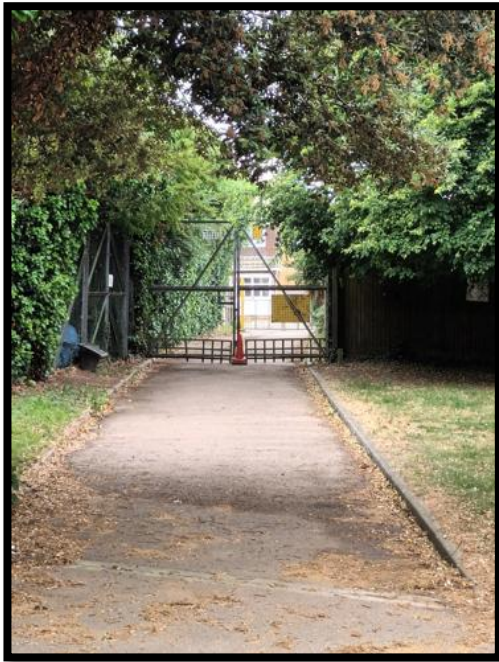
Mrs Harper

When do I come back to school?

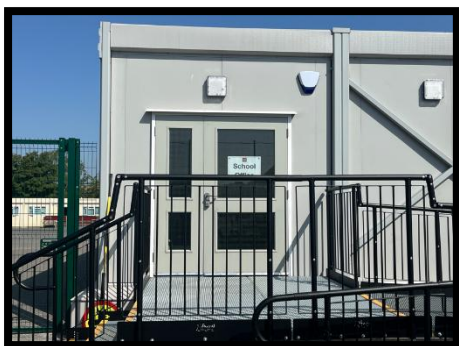
The first day of the new term is Tuesday 1st September 2026.

Where will I come into school?

You can come into school through the main school gates on Kings Road or by the Noah's Ark entrance. This year we are going to trial your grown-ups walking you down to your class building but if you want to walk in by yourself that's OK too. There will be adults from school by the gates to welcome you every day. Remember to leave your cuddly toys and games at home for safe keeping. The gates will be open from 8.30am until 8.50am.



If you are late, you will need to go to the main school office with your adult.



What will I need to bring to school?

You will need a small bag that will fit inside your locker to carry your reading book and plastic water bottle (with a sports cap). No metal bottles please. If you are not having a school dinner, you will need a packed lunch. Remember to make sure that everything is named. Please keep a pair of plimsolls in your locker.



Your PE days will be a **Wednesday** and **Friday**. On these days, you will need to wear your PE kit and your school jumper or a plain black sports top to school.



Where will my classroom be?

Your classroom will be in the Rossetti building. You can go into your classroom in the mornings through your classroom door.



Where will I eat my lunch?

If you are a packed lunch, you will be eating in the Mr Mac Hall. If you are a school dinner, you will eat in the temporary Village hall. There is no change to this year.

What will happen at the end of the day?

School finishes at 3.20pm every day. Your parents and carers will be able to collect you from your classroom doors.

What will I learn about in Year 2?

Here is an overview of what you will be learning about in Year 2. More detail will be included in the termly newsletter for your parents and carers.

	SCIENCE	DT	HISTORY	GEOGRAPHY	MFL	ART	COMPUTING	PE & SPORT	RSHE	RE	MUSIC
Term 1	Animals Including Humans		London's Burning			Painting	Computing Systems and Networks	Games	Think Positive	Creation Who Made the World?	
Term 2	Animals Including Humans			Continents and Oceans			Creating Media-Digital Photography	Athletics	Respecting Rights	Incarnation Why Does Christmas Matter to Christians?	Singing Pulse, Rhythm, Pitch

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Term 3	Everyday Materials	Mechanical systems - making a castle	Castles			Printing	Creating Media Making Music	Dance	VIP	Humanism	
Term 4	Living Things and Their Habitats	Cooking and nutrition		Hot and cold places			Data and information Pictograms	Gymnastics	One World	Salvation: Why Does Easter Matter to Christians?	Singing and percussion Playing in an orchestra

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Term 5	Plants	Mechanisms-Fairground Wheel	Explorers			3D	Programming Robot algorithms	Outdoor Activities	Growing Up	Islam Who is a Muslim and What do They Believe?	
Term 6	Plants			A Village in Zambia			Programming Introduction to quizzes	Games	Safety First	Islam Who is a Muslim and What do They Believe?	Glockenspiel Recognising different sounds

Will I have homework?

Yes! Just like in Year 1, you will need to read at home and your grown-ups will let us know when you have done this by writing in your reading record. There will be regular

spelling practise using Spelling Shed or other spelling activities that your teachers set. This will link to what you are doing in class. As we move through the year, you will need to start learning your times tables using Times Tables Rockstars.

Throughout the term, your teachers will give you a grid of activities to complete at home - these will be lots of fun! You can showcase what you have done in your Love to Learn Journal. The activities in the shaded boxes link to our learning in school.

Write and deliver a weather report	Make a mask	Buy something in a shop using cash and check your change
Learn a poem off by heart	Find out the rules to a board game you haven't played before and play with your friends or family	Plant some vegetables in your garden
Pull a plant, weed or flower out of the ground (with permission of the owner!). Draw a picture of the plant including its roots.	Research and make a list of as many African countries as you can.	Find out about the stories and poems that Allan Ahlberg wrote. Create a poster about his work.

Where will I have play time?

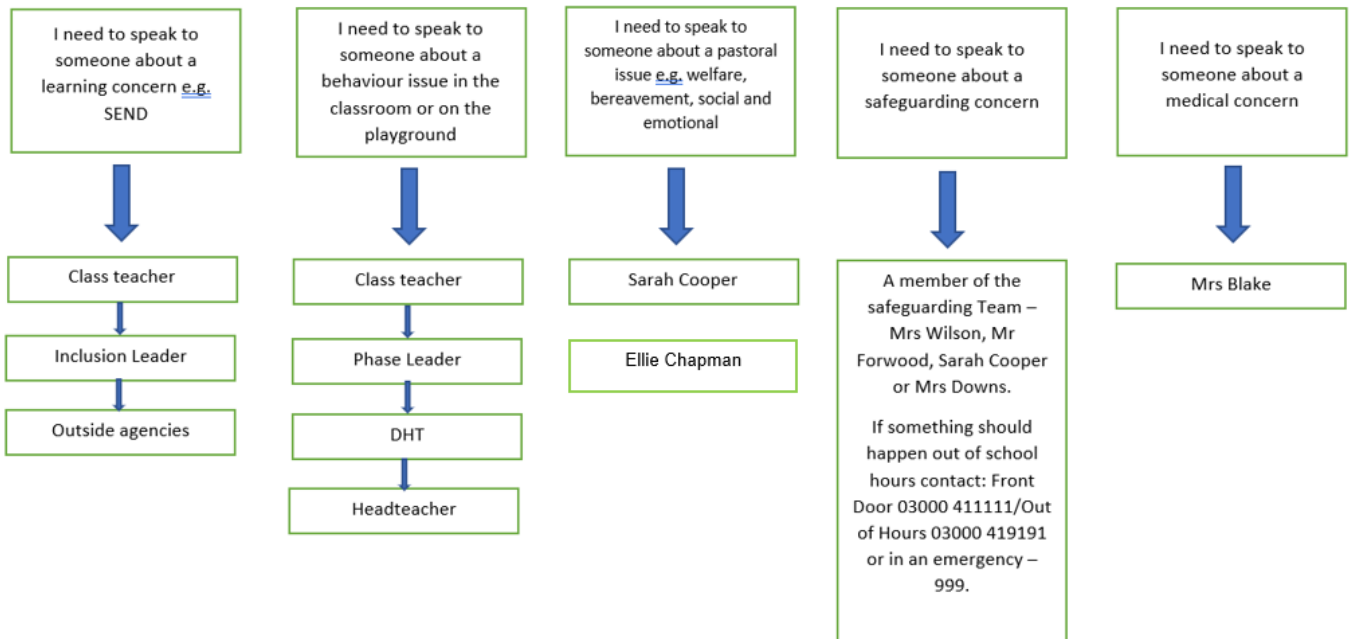
You will have play time on the Year 2 and 3 playground with the rest of your year group. There will be toys for you to play with and familiar grown-ups to look after you. You will also be able to go on the climbing frame when it isn't raining.



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Who do I see if I have a concern?

Who to contact if you have a worry, a question or a concern



Suggestions you can do to aid your child settling back into school.

- Ensure a good bedtime routine: Try keeping to the same routine each night:
Children aged 3 to 5 need 10 to 13 hours
Children aged 6 to 12 need 9 to 12 hours
- Minimise device use 2 hours before bedtime to ensure children are calmed down ready for bed: Discourage use of electronics in the bedroom to encourage children to read as a wind down activity.
- Say goodbye in a positive way and remind children "I'll see you soon"
- Read through new teacher booklets with your child to ensure children are clear on what school will be like on their return.