



Welcome to Year 2 – 2026/27

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 2! We hope you all have a wonderful summer break and are looking forward to the exciting year ahead. We can't wait to welcome the children back in September and begin another fantastic year of learning together.

Meet Your Teacher

Hello, I'm **Miss Milner** and I am delighted to be teaching Year 2 again next year.

I have been teaching for five years and have experience across Years 2, 3, 4 and 5. I am passionate about creating a classroom where every child feels valued, confident and excited about their learning.

Outside of school, I enjoy walking with my dog. I love sharing my interests with the children and finding opportunities to inspire their curiosity and creativity.

I am looking forward to working in partnership with you to support your child's learning, wellbeing and personal development throughout the year.

What We Will Be Learning This Term

English

In the Autumn term, we will be exploring **Lila and the Secret of Rain**. We will use the story to develop our retelling skills before writing our own versions. We will also be learning how to write a fact file all about African animals.

There will be a big focus on handwriting to ensure letters are formed correctly, alongside using capital letters and full stops consistently in our writing.

Maths

We will be developing our understanding of **place value**. The children will learn how to partition numbers, compare numbers and count confidently in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Topic / Wider Curriculum

Our topic next term is:

How is the UK different to Africa?

We will be learning about:

- Locating Africa on a map.
- What it is like to live in Kenya, including the weather and the animals that live there.
- The culture of Kenya.

Other subjects we will be exploring include:

- **Science:** What does it mean to be alive? – Living Things and Their Habitats.
- **Art:** How can we use colour and tone to paint landscapes? (Focus artist: Claude Monet.)
- **PE:** Balance and Agility.



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Head Teacher: Mr Ben Carver

PE Days

Our PE sessions will take place on **Monday and Friday**.

Please ensure your child:

- Comes to school wearing the correct PE kit.
- Has appropriate footwear.
- Removes earrings where possible on PE days.

Important Dates and Events

- Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park – **Date TBC**
- Year 2 Parents' Phonics Drop-in Session – **Monday 14th September**
- Book Bus – **Tuesday 15th September**
- Year 1 & 2 Nativity Performance at the Royal Concert Hall – **Thursday 3rd December**
- Nativity Evening Performance (Years 1 & 2) – **Thursday 10th December**
- Nativity Morning Performance (Years 1 & 2) – **Friday 11th December**

Further information about these events will be shared through our usual communication channels.

How You Can Support at Home

You can support your child by:

- Reading regularly together.
- Practising key number facts and times tables.
- Talking about their learning and encouraging curiosity.
- Helping them develop independence and organisation.

We are really looking forward to a fantastic year together. Thank you for your continued support—we know that by working together we can help every child achieve their very best.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer and look forward to welcoming everyone back to Year 2 in September!

Best wishes,

Miss Milner