

F2 Autumn Newsletter



WELCOME

Hello and welcome to Foundation 2!

We are so pleased to see lots of familiar faces returning to school as well as welcoming lots of new families too. We are very excited about the year ahead and can't wait to make lots of memories, playing and learning together - we already have lots of exciting things planned! We know that starting school is a big milestone for children (and parents!) but please be assured that we will support you and your child in every way possible to ensure they feel safe, settled and happy.

Please come along to our upcoming parent meeting to find out more about our school, our staff and how you can support your child at home.

LEARNING FOCUS

Our first project this year is "I wonder what's special..."

We will learn all about ourselves, our friends, our family, our feelings, our talents and our health. This learning will build on our prior knowledge from Foundation 1.

There will be lots of opportunities for child-led learning and play; developing your child's social, emotional and physical development.

During this half term, we will begin phase 2 phonics where we learn to read and write CVC words. Alongside this, your child will start to bring home reading books which we encourage you to read every night and record in their reading journal.

In Maths, our focus will be on pattern, sorting, subitising, counting and comparing amounts.

More information regarding our project is available on our class page on the school website.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ✓ All children need a water bottle and a piece of fruit or vegetables for snack every day.
- ✓ All items of clothing and belongings should be clearly labelled with your child's name.
- ✓ All children in F2 are entitled to free school meals.
- ✓ PE is every Friday. Children should wear their PE kit to school all day. Please ensure this is weather appropriate.
- ✓ Please ensure your child has a spare set of clothes, in case of any accidents.

DIARY DATES

13th September 2023

Parent information meeting

13th September 2023

Individual photographs

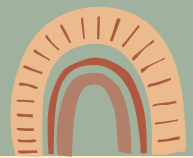
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Library visit

12th October 2023

Visit to St Peter's Church, Ravenshead





TAPESTRY

You should have now received your login details for Tapestry. We use tapestry in school to document your child's learning journey. This can be viewed and added to by you via your account. We also use tapestry to send memos, updates and reminders so please ensure that you check in regularly - enabling notifications will ensure that you are notified of anything new.

TREKKING

Every week, we go trekking - exploring the school grounds, interacting with and learning about nature. As we explore in all weathers, please ensure your child has a pair of wellies that can be left in school.

HOMEWORK

In F2, our priority for homework is reading. It is essential that your child reads regularly at home, at least 3 times per week but more if possible. Regular practise has a huge impact on decoding, fluency and comprehension. We are happy to support you if required, please just pop and see us.

LIBRARY VISITS

We will visit Ravenshead library every fortnight. During our visit, the librarian will share a story with us, we will explore books independently and with our friends and also select books to bring back to school to share in class.

We require adult volunteers to support us with our library visits, to ensure the safety of all children. Please let us know if you are available to join us. We would greatly appreciate your help.

BAKING

We aim to bake or cook at least once per half term. There are endless learning opportunities involved and the end result is delicious!

In order for us to buy the ingredients, we ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 per half term (or £6 for the year). Any contributions can be placed in our cupcake money bank. We thank you in advance for your donations.

PE

Our PE session will take place every Friday morning. Please bring children to school in their weather appropriate PE kit to be worn all day. Our PE kit consists of a red or white plain t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers. Children may also need jumpers on colder days.

END OF THE DAY

Please let us know if your child will be collected by someone other than you. To ensure your child's safety, we cannot let children leave with alternative adults unless we have been notified beforehand. You can inform us in the morning or by contacting the school office.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to a member of staff in the foundation unit. We are here to help you and your child. You can speak to us at the beginning or end of the school day or alternatively, please make an appointment. We look forward to working together.

Mrs Bowell and the Foundation Stage Team

