

## A message from my new teacher...

I am Miss Hulme and I cannot wait to become your teacher in September. In Year 2, we will be working very hard building on the skills you have learnt in Year 1, as well as learning new ones. We will also be having lots of fun and having many new experiences together. As your teacher, I want you to be the best that you can be and I will do everything I can to help you with this. It is important that you always try your best, even when you find things challenging. I hope that you enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing you all in September.



## Information for Parents

Homework is given on a **Friday** and is linked to core English and Maths skills. This homework is due back on **Wednesday**. Spelling homework as part of our Grand Spell is given every Wednesday.

**Picking your child up at the end of the day** - All children **MUST** be picked up by an adult from the playground at **3.15pm**. **Please collect your child on**

### Reading Bags

Reading books are changed **daily**.



### Lower School Teaching staff:

Miss Nield, Miss Hulme, Miss O'Hara, Mrs Berry.

### Lower School Support staff:

Mrs Ahmed, Ms Barry, Mrs Kelly, Mrs Dey, Mrs Bibi, Mrs Choudhury, Miss Hilton, Mrs Miah.

**Phase Leader:** Miss Nield

*If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher.*



### General Information:

Your child's class is 2H

- In the first few weeks, your child will sit in a team with 3 or 4 other children. Teams will change each half term so children can learn how to work cooperatively with all members of the class.
- Morning playtime will be at 10.15am and lunchtime will be at 11.30am. In the afternoon, we will have another playtime at 2.30pm
- In Year 2, children will be offered a piece of fruit to eat each day.
- Children in 2H will have two sessions of PE each week. For **indoor PE**, children will need to wear a t-shirt in their house colour and black shorts or leggings. For **outdoor PE**, children will need to wear a tracksuit and trainers. Your child will bring their PE kit home at the end of each half term so it can be washed. They will need to bring this back on the first day of each new half term.
- In Year 2, we have a café on a Friday which children can bring 50p for. Children can also bring money in on a Friday for the stationery shop.

## How can I help my child to be successful at school?

Each half term you will receive a 'Knowledge Organiser' topic overview sheet. Please work through this with your child – especially learning the key facts and vocabulary.



In Year 2, we will be working on learning and recalling the 10, 5 and 2 times tables. Children are also expected to know the division facts that are related to each of these times tables. Please ask your child multiplication and division facts out of order. Your child needs to be able to **'instantly'** recall answers without working them out.

You can also support your child's learning by helping them to prepare for their weekly Grand Spell, Rock-It stars and Power Planets tests.

The age-appropriate phonics phase for the start of Year 2 is to recap the end of phase 5 before starting phase 6. A list for your child's phase will be given out, and parents are welcome to have copies of the next phase – please just ask.

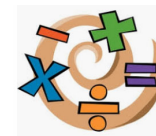
The age-appropriate reading book band for the start of Year 2 is Turquoise (Stage 7). By the end of the year, your child should be on, or beyond, gold book band (Stage 9). Reading, understanding and using many words, is the best skill your child can learn to help them succeed in



## What else can I do at home to help my child in their learning?

- Read! Some great books to borrow from the library are books by the authors Julia Donaldson, Roald Dahl, Jill Tomlinson and Jill Murphy.
- Help your child to learn the Year 2 Spellings. Please see the sheet included, Please practise these with your child and let us know when they have learnt them all!
- Log on to DB Primary to enjoy some online learning activities. You can access DB Primary by clicking on the VLE link on the school website: [www.burnleybrow.co.uk](http://www.burnleybrow.co.uk)
- Enjoy spending the summer together whilst playing outside, visiting your local library or going for a walk in the park.

## Year 2 Maths Skills



### Counting

Your child needs to be able to count forwards and backwards from 0 to 100.

They need to learn to count in multiples of 2, 3, 5 and 10.

Age-appropriate skills for your child:

- Recognise the place value of each digit in a two-digit number (10s, 1s)
- Compare and order numbers from 0 up to 100
- Read and write numbers to at least 100 in numerals and in words
- Use mental and written forms of addition and subtraction
- Find  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$  of a shape or given number
- Tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes
- Know the number of minutes in an hour.

**Please practise with your child.**

## Writing in Year 2

Your child will continue to develop their writing skills during the year. By the end of Year 2, your child should be able to:

- Use capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks accurately within sentences
- Use commas within lists
- Use expanded noun phrases to describe and be specific (e.g. The blue butterfly)
- Extend sentences using and, but, or, when, if, that, or because
- Know when to use past and present tense
- Use diagonal and horizontal strokes to join letters
- Ensure that the size of their letters, including 'the body' of ascenders and descenders, are the same size.



**Work on these skills during the year to help your child.**