



## Dear Parents/ Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child/ren to Year 2. Our classes are called Starfish (Teacher- Miss Bottomley and teaching assistant Mrs Watson) and Mussels (Teacher - Mrs Wilkinson and Teaching Assistant Miss Cooper). We are also lucky enough to have Mrs Milan working with both classes during the mornings working on targeted interventions. We have been extremely impressed with how well the children have returned to school and settled back into their learning routines. The children have shown some excellent READY behaviours and have already achieved some brilliant learning. We hope that you will find the information below useful, particularly to share with your child.

## Topics covered this year:

### Curriculum Overview – Year 2

Topic 1 Autumn 1	Topic 2 Autumn 2	Topic 3 Spring 1 & 2	Topic 4 Summer 1	Topic 5 Summer 2
 <p>Here We Are</p>	 <p>The Great Fire of London</p>	 <p>Comparing Islands (UK and Tasmania)</p>	 <p>People who have shaped our world</p>	 <p>Our changing world (Global Warming)</p>

## Year Two Timetable

This is an example of a weekly timetable.

### Year 2 Autumn 1 2023 Timetable

8.45-8.55		10.50-11.05		12.20 – 1.20		3.15 – Home Time			
<b>MON</b> Morning activities	9.05-09.45 RWI/ AR	9.50-10.50 English	B	11.10-12.10 Maths	L	1.15-1.30 Collective Worship	1.30-2.15 PE/ Vipers (whole class reading)	2.25-3.00 Vipers (whole class reading)/ PE	3.00 Story time
<b>TUES</b> Morning activities	9.05-09.45 RWI/ AR	9.50-10.50 English	R	11.10-12.10 Maths	U	1.20-1.45 Speedy green words/ Handwriting	1.45-2.45 Geography/History		2.45 Picture News  Story time
<b>WED</b> Morning activities	9.05-09.45 RWI/ AR	09.50-10.50 English	E	11.10-12.10 Maths	N	1.20-1.30 Reading / Handwriting  Speedy green words	1.30-2.15 RE	2.15-3.00 Art/DT	3.00 Story time
<b>THUR</b> Morning activities	9.05-09.45 RWI/ AR	09.50-10.50 Music /Computing	A	11.10-12.10 Maths	C	1.15-2:10 English		2:10-3:00 Science	3.00 Story time
<b>FRI</b> Morning activities	9.05-09.45 RWI/ AR	09.50-10.50 Spelling Test English	K	11.10-12.10 Maths	H	1.20 -1.50 PE/ RSHE		1.50-2.25 RSHE/ PE	2.30 Celebration Collective Worship

## PE days:

Our PE sessions are on a Monday (inside) and a Friday (outside) and are weather dependent. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days. As the weather gets colder, we encourage the children to wear tracksuits for outside sessions.

## Homework and expectations:

- **Reading:** Children are expected to read to an adult, or be read to, as frequently as possible as reading underpins all other areas of the curriculum. Your child will bring home a phonics book related to the learning that is already taking place within class. Please support your child in reading their phonics book and discuss the text with them using the questions inside the book. It would be beneficial for them to also enjoy a range of other stories at home. Some children will have an Accelerated Reader (AR) book, which they can change once they have completed their quiz in school. Sometimes, the children will bring home books which they have chosen to read for pleasure.
- **Spellings:** Please support your child with learning to spell similar words to the examples given on their spelling sheet. These spellings are linked to your child's current phonetic knowledge and are the Read Write Inc (RWI) sounds they have covered with their group. They will be asked to spell some words in class every **Friday**. As the year progresses, these spellings may become more challenging, as we will be sending home Common Exception Words for your child to learn.
- **Home learning grid:** Each half term, we will give your child a home learning grid with activity suggestions linked to our topics and maths learning. These are not compulsory but are encouraged. Each piece brought in will be celebrated in class.

## Statutory Tests:

- **Phonics Screening Check:** Some children will need to retake the Phonics Screening Check, to try to reach the expected standard this time around. This is for children who did not reach the pass mark in Year 1. Children will be asked to practise reading a range of real and 'alien' words. This allows us to see how your child is progressing with their reading and find out how we can best help them.

## How to help your child at home:

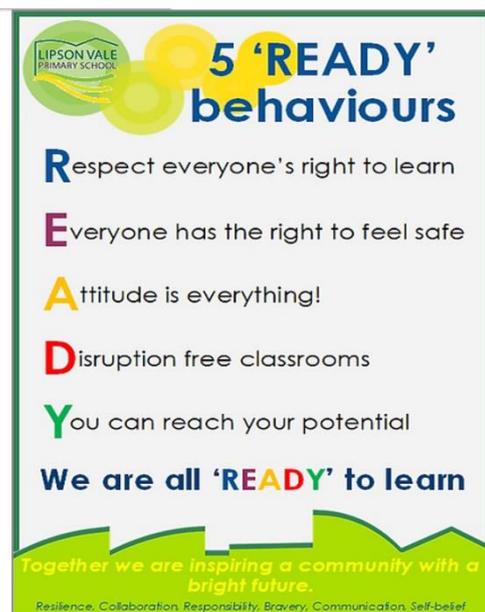
- Encourage your child to ensure they have everything they need for the day, such as their water bottle, coat and reading diary/ book.
- Help your child to dress independently.
- Support them regularly with their phonics learning and reading at home.



## Relationship Policy

### READY behaviours:

These are the READY behaviours we follow in school.



### Other things you need to know:

A polite reminder that due to allergies we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL!**

Please be aware of this if you are providing your child/children with a home packed lunch and snack or if you are bringing in any treats to celebrate birthdays.

Please ensure everything your child brings to school is named!

We kindly ask that toys from home do not come into school. It would be a huge shame for your child/children to lose their toys or for them to become accidentally broken at school.

We will inform you later in the term about arrangements for the KS1 nativity performance.

Each week, a certificate will be presented in assembly to one child from each class, celebrating their achievements. One child from each class will also receive a 'reader of the week' certificate. This celebrates commitment to reading at home and also reading attitude and progress within school.

**Date for drop-in:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 3.30pm

Thank you for your continued support,

**The Year 2 Team**

