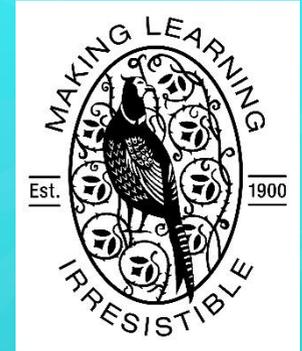


# Welcome to Year 2!

Information Session for Parents and Carers

20/09/22

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## Year 2 teaching team:

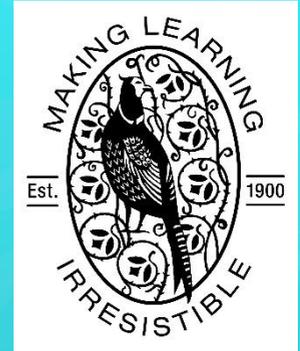
*Burgundy Class: Ms Emilie Kamanyire  
Ms Helen Remington Davidson*

*Ruby Class: Ms Charlotte Everrett  
Ms Larissa Simpson (PPA/ECT Cover)*

*Year Group Teaching Assistant Team:*

*Ms Yasmin Sanderson, Ms Amanda Cooper,  
Ms Stephanie Lorence, Ms Frances Giddings*

# Welcome to Year 2



Topics this year:

- Autumn 1: Twisted Tales
- Autumn 2: Twisted Tails
- Spring 1: Ocean Adventures
- Spring 2: London's Burning & The Plague
- Summer 1: Brilliant Bugs
- Summer 2: Let Your Dreams Take Flight

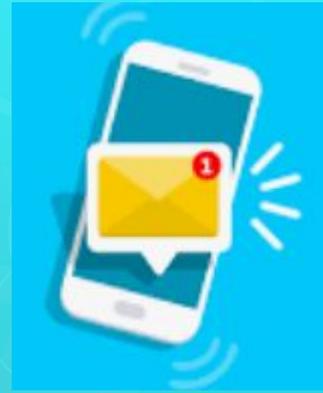
*Financial assistance may be available for trips/visits (eg. Duxford in the summer term). Please speak to the class teacher in the first instance.*

# Every Day Attendance

- Children arrive at school at 8:45, ready to come into school at 8:55. Teachers take the register at 9:00.
- Punctual arrival is important, as teaching starts promptly - aim for 100%! Did you know...?

<b>95%</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> <b>8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days</b>
<b>90%</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> <b>16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day</b>
<b>85%</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> <b>24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days</b>
<b>80%</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> <b>32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days</b>

# Every Day Attendance



- Please **inform the School Office** if your child is unwell on the morning of the illness (email or phone message).

Phone: 01223 508786      Email: [office@morley.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@morley.cambs.sch.uk)

- Any medication must be handed to the office in the **original packaging in a named bag**; there is a form to complete.
- **48 hours** is needed before returning to school following diarrhoea and/or vomiting.
- Term time absence, other than illness, is only **authorised** by the Head Teacher in **exceptional circumstances** - see Attendance Policy on the school website.

# Asthma & Allergies



- Please do not send in nuts or nut products (including **Nutella** type spreads) as part of snacks or packed lunches - we have a number of children and staff with **life-threatening allergies**.
- Inhalers & spacers should be **named** and **in a bag or box** (for hygiene reasons). They are kept in a central place in class. An asthma card must be completed.
- Epi-pens should be **in date**, in a named container and handed to the School Office with the protocol.
- **It is the parent/carer's responsibility to ensure inhalers and Epi-pens are in date and in school.**

*See our Medicines in School policy on the school website*

# Year 2 Essentials: Every Day

- Water bottles should be brought into school daily. Children can refill them in school as needed and must take them home to clean at the end of the day - water only please, no squash, juice or fizzy drinks.
- Clothing suitable for the weather: coat (hats & gloves in winter) and sensible shoes for outdoor playtimes (especially for Forest School on Mondays).
- Book bag: Reading book & Reading Record
- PE Kit should be named, in a bag, in school and taken home to wash!

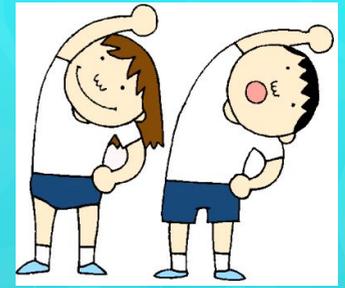


# Year 2 Essentials: Every Day

Please do not bring in:

- Show and tell items unless requested as part of a project or home learning task.
- Pencil cases - all stationery is provided.
- Toys, including collector cards.
- Jewellery (small studs only for pierced ears).
- EY and KS1 have free fruit/veg snacks, no need to send in a snack for break time.

# KS1 Year 2 Essentials: PE kits



Children in KS1 change for PE in class.

Our PE days are on: Tuesday and Wednesdays

Children will need:

- A white t-shirt (dark blue jumper in cold weather)
- Black/dark blue shorts (joggers for cold weather)
- Trainers or plimsolls (check size regularly)

Long hair must be tied back, so come prepared with a hair band in kits. Jewellery should not be worn on PE days, other than small stud earrings if ears are pierced.

# KS1 Assessment



Children in KS1 complete SATs (standardised assessment tests) **during May.**

There are standardised tests for **reading, spelling and maths.** Writing is assessed by teachers based on a **portfolio of writing** from across the later part of the year.

These tests primarily provide data for the school to analyse and will not be presented to the children as anything other than a 'challenge' or 'activity' to **see what they can do and what they need help with.**

# Year 2 General



## Letters and notices:

Most information will be shared via **ParentMail**.

Please sign up if you have not already done so.

Check the **newsletter on Fridays** for weekly information and the class page on the website for general year group information.

## Birthdays:

Please do not send in sweets. If you want to send in something to share and celebrate, please consider something useful/enjoyable such as a small game or book for the class.

***(There is no requirement for this!)***

# Year 2 Essentials: Helping at Home

At Morley Memorial Primary School we see home learning as an opportunity for children to **practise skills**, develop independence, consolidate and reinforce learning and as an avenue for children to pursue interests and **be creative**.

Please support your child to complete tasks in their own way in order that they develop our **positive learning dispositions** at home and at school:

**Motivation**   **Curiosity**   **Courage**

**Collaboration**   **Resilience**   **Reflective**

# Year 2 Essentials: Helping at Home

We believe every child has the right to a childhood, opportunities to **play and explore and time to develop their talents and interests.** We therefore try to keep home learning to a level which allows an appropriate **balance.**

We will assign home learning where there will be benefits to children's learning rather than to fulfill an expectation of a particular number of hours a week.

This approach we believe promotes effective home learning with activities which are meaningful and increase children's engagement and achievement.

*Having said this, **frequent (daily) reading and practice of number facts** is actively encouraged if children are to make good progress and develop key, basic skills.*



# Year 2 Essentials: Home Learning

In Year 2, our Home Learning tasks **will almost always include:**

- Regular (daily) **reading** – remember the Reading Record book!
- Practising **phonic** letter patterns/**spelling** of keywords for our year group
- **Maths fluency** practice

# Year 2 Essentials: Home Learning

Home learning in KS1 **may also include** tasks such as:

- Writing short passages or finding out more about a topic
- Handwriting practice linked with learning in class
- Creating artefacts, models or artwork related to topics
- Learning a story using actions
- Consolidation and revision activities based on what has been learnt in class

# Google Classroom & E-Safety



Home Learning information and tasks are shared via Google Classroom. Log ins were sent home in reading records.

In Year 2 Home learning will be shared on **Fridays**.

Google Classroom provides great opportunities for collaborative learning and the sharing of information.

However, online activity presents its own challenges and issues. Please ensure children are supervised appropriately while working online, and that their interactions online are respectful of others and appropriate to the task.

If you, as a parent or carer, need to contact the teacher **please email the school office** in the usual way.

Please see the e-safety information on our school website:  
[www.morley.cambs.sch.uk/e-safety-for-parents/](http://www.morley.cambs.sch.uk/e-safety-for-parents/)

# Thank you for all your support!

Home/school communication is key to children's success: when children know that all adults around them are working together with the same aims then they feel secure and are more likely to succeed.



- Are there any general questions?
- For individual queries, please contact the office to make an appointment.

# Links on the website

By the end of the week you will be able to find the following online:

- Link to this presentation
- Maths, Reading and Writing Age Related Expectations (Target Tracker)
- Year 2 spelling list
- Maths fluency practice information
- Penpals cursive handwriting example
- Phonics for Year 2 (KS1)
- Long term curriculum plan

**THANK YOU!**