

# BIDSTON AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Welcome to Year 2!

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely time over the summer and we are sure the children are now ready to start the new school year, so we welcome you and your child to Year 2!

We are looking forward to getting to know you and working together so that we have a very exciting and productive year. We hope that you enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 2 has to offer!

### Transition from Year 1 to Year 2

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from Year 1 to Year 2. The Year 2 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Year 1. The children will have their own classroom with access to a shared middle room, which they can access at times along with the other Year 2 class and work with other adults. Over the next few weeks, the children will gradually be eased into more formal learning so that they remain motivated, enthused and eager learners in preparation for the year ahead. National testing (SATs) is no longer a statutory requirement in Year 2. Towards the end of Year 2 we will still be using formal assessment procedures to assess children's learning. This is nothing to worry about, as the children remain calm, enthusiastic and eager when they take part in "quizzes" during class time. As you aware we are planning an exciting overnight residential trip to Barnstondale, Barnston, Wirral in February 2026 for every child in Year 2. Information about this has already been sent out.

### Reading in Year 2...

Reading, as always, is of the utmost importance in your child's education. Your child will be encouraged to change their book independently as often as they need to during the week. We will demonstrate how to do this during the first two weeks. This will be checked at least once a week by the teacher. Your child must bring their book bag into school every day. Please ensure your child listens to stories at home from family members as well as reading their Read Write Inc to an adult regularly. The children will also have many opportunities to read and enjoy books throughout the week at school. Please support us by reading at home for 5-10 minutes each night and keep using Oxford Owl and other online Educational resources our school subscribes to.



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### Phonics in Year 2...

Phonics is very important and will be taught daily to aid Reading and Writing skills. This year we will be continuing to implement the Phonics scheme Read Write Inc. Your child will work in different groups with a designated adult to support their phonological knowledge and develop a deeper understanding of letters and sounds. Please continue to watch videos at home and read with your child every day to support their learning.

### Homework in Year 2...

Each Friday we send home Mathematics and Spelling homework for your child to complete at home by Tuesday morning. Homework will be sent home in folders. Please keep them safe!

### General Reminders...

- Ensure all school uniform is **clearly** labelled with your child's name and class.
- PE days this half term are:
  - 2M - Monday and Thursday
  - 2B - Monday and Friday
- On PE days your child should come to school wearing a white polo shirt, red jumper/cardigan, black shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms and black pumps/trainers. Please remove earrings before your child comes to school on these days. **If your child has shoelaces, please teach your child to tie them independently - this is a wonderful life skill to have!** 😊
- The children are to have their own refillable water bottle to keep in class which they can access throughout the day. Please make sure your child's name is written **clearly** on their water bottle and it is taken home to be cleaned each day.
- Any letters or reply slips, which need to be returned, can be returned to Miss Devlin or the class teacher via your child each morning.
- We understand that some children like to bring toys in from home, but this will not be encouraged. We have plenty of research based, self-regulation equipment that will be available for the children to access, when needed.
- If you need to speak to a member of staff, please do not hesitate to speak to us at the end of the school day.



Miss Devlin  
Year 2 T.A.



Mrs Gupta  
PPA Cover and Support



Mr Montgomery  
2M Class Teacher



Mrs Birch  
2B Class Teacher