

Welcome to Year 2!

We are extremely excited to be welcoming back our learners to commence our first learning journey together.

Year 2 is a critical year where children acquire new skills in readiness for key stage 2 as well as consolidating their learnings across key stage 1—it will be both a challenging and fun year offering new experiences for all!

Reading books are changed on a Monday and Thursday. Please can you ensure your child's reading books and contact books are brought into school every day. Please can you date and sign their contact books. Please also take advantage of the Oxford Owl E-library where you can read and share stories at your fingertips. Children will bring home books once their reading check has taken place during week 2 of term.

Meet our Year 2 team!

Our teachers include Mrs Speller and Mr Dunne. Our teaching assistants are Mrs Saywell, Mrs Lopes and Miss Kayleigh. Year 2 will also take part in forest school with Mrs Watts and Mr Hopson and PE with Mrs Cashford and Miss Martyn. We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into the class to meet the year 2 team and for the fortnightly parent read morning sessions!



Year 2 Learning Letter Term 1

This term's learning journey.

What would life be like living in a castle?

The children will begin by learning how castles have evolved over centuries and where our local castles are within Medway. We will further explore the make up of castles and what made them purposeful. Children will understand who lived in castles and who has ruled over the years, in particular—William the Conqueror and studying the famous Battle of Hastings.

We will learn about physical and human features in the world and how Medway is made of these with Hoo at the forefront.

Additionally, we will investigate different materials that could be most suitable for knights through testing.

We will continue to learn about famous artists including Paul Klee and Lucy Loveheart who were both known for castle artworks. Furthermore, we will learn the technique of tonal shadings and how we can achieve unique, effective masterpieces!

Subject specific information

English	Word classes, Expanded noun phrases, Letter writing, Narrative, Description, Phonics, Comprehension.
Maths	Place value, Addition and Subtraction
Science	Materials and their properties, predict, investigate,
History	Significant people and events through time., Ordering events, Describe differences between now and then
Geography	Simple keys for maps, Key physical and human features
Art and DT	Experiment with tone using pencils, chalks or charcoal, artistic work made by craftspeople from different cultures and times.
RE	Why do we need to give thanks?
Music	Call and response
PE	Team building/ball skills
Computing	IT around us