



Barnes Primary School

Welcome to Year Two

Transition booklet

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have an enjoyable summer break.

We would like to make the transition from Year 1 to Year 2 as smooth as possible so have provided a booklet with key information. We hope that you find this useful in getting ready for Year 2.

First day back

The school gates open at 8.45am. Year 2HM parents should come through the main school gates and turn left down the Year 2 passage (this will be clearly sign posted on the first day back). Please can parents and children line up in an orderly fashion on the right hand side next to the windows. **Please may we politely remind parents that children should only start to arrive at 8.45am at the earliest.** It is important that children remain with their parents/carers until an adult comes to open the classroom door. In addition to this, may we politely ask that parents make sure that children are waiting quietly outside and not running up and down the passage. Year 2D parents should walk to the playground (the same as in Y1) and enter through the cloakroom doors once the bell rings. All doors will open at **8.50am** and the register will be taken at **9am**. From 8.50am learning begins and this is the teacher's time with your children. If you have any messages that need to be communicated please put them in the communication booklet outside your child's classroom. The teachers will not be available to speak to at this time. **If you arrive after 9am you must go to the front desk where Jo can then mark you in.** Please do not knock on the classroom door as this then interrupts learning time. Thank you so much for your help with this.

Moving into Year 2 we encourage the children to adopt greater independence. Therefore we suggest that your children carry their own bags and belongings to school ensuring a smooth and quick goodbye at the classroom door. We really appreciate your cooperation with this procedure. It will help to keep drop off a smooth and calm experience, creating a good start to your child's school day. **For 2HM parents once you have said goodbye to your child please leave through the exit gate at the end of the passage. It is really important that we adhere to the one way system to prevent congestion during drop off and pick up.**

On your child's first day at school please can they bring with them:

- Their ruck sack with school books returned from Year One and their Year One reading journal
- A clearly named water bottle (school water bottles are available from Jo)
- Their PE kit

It is really important that **every item of uniform and PE kit are clearly named with permanent marker or sewn in labels.** We will have high expectations in Year 2 for children looking after their belongings. This is difficult to do if their uniform is not clearly labelled. Thank you so much for supporting this.

The children should be picked up from their classroom doors at 3.15pm. Year 2D parents should line up on the left hand side of the passage and 2HM parents on the right hand side. Your child's teacher will then call your child, say goodbye and shake their hand, exactly the same as in Year 1. This will also provide parents with the opportunity to speak to their child's class teacher.

Staffing in Year 2

Mrs Huxley and Mrs Martin will both teach Y2HM. Mrs Huxley will teach maths and English to the class four mornings a week. Mrs Martin will take over at 11.30am to teach the rest of the curriculum. On a Wednesday Mrs Huxley will be out of class all day. Mr O'Donnell (the school Computing lead) will teach on Wednesday morning. Miss Duncombe will teach 2D. The classroom assistant in Year 2 is Lama Enjarie.

The first week

The first few days back will focus on settling children so that they settle with their new teacher, understand the rules and systems in place and know where everything is. We will do lots of little tours of the areas so that the children settle beautifully and feel confident in their new learning environment.

Timetable

PE, Music and Computing

2HM and 2D will have indoor PE and computing on **Wednesday mornings**. Miss Duncombe will teach both classes indoor PE whilst Mr O'Donnell will teach Computing to both classes.

Both classes will have their outdoor PE and Music lessons on a **Thursday afternoon**. They will be taught by Mrs Warner for music and Mr Pashley for PE.

Please can children bring their PE kit to school with them on the first day back. The PE kit and bag can remain at school for the half term.

Systems, routines and expectations

We have written about key routines and systems below. Some of these may be slightly different to what you have been used to in Year 1.

Reading books and journals

Children are expected to have their reading books and journals with them every day. This is different to Year 1. The expectation for reading remains the same as in Year 1 – that children read each night at home to an adult. In Year 2 children will be given the opportunity each day to change their reading books if required. Mrs Martin and Miss Duncombe will also initial the reading journals each day, to ensure regular reading. The reading journal is another good way of communicating any questions or queries with your child's class teacher.

Home learning

Home learning will be set each Friday. The Year 2 home learning template is similar to the one in Year 1. There will be a weekly spelling test consisting of 10 words and a mental maths test containing five questions (after the October half term). The test will take place each Friday before the new home learning is given out.

Class reps

We have had wonderful class reps this year in Y2 and so much parental support in general. If you would like to be the class rep of 2HM or 2D next year please email kduncombe@barnes.richmond.sch.uk.

Parent helpers

We value parental support with reading so that children can receive as much 1:1 reading as possible. A sign-up sheet will be available at our welcome and curriculum meeting so that this system can start quickly once children have settled or alternatively you can email your class teacher.

Year 2 meeting

A 'Year 2 Curriculum meeting' will be held on **Tuesday 10th September at 6.30pm in the KS1 hall.** During this meeting we will talk to you about:

- How the children have settled
- The curriculum in Year 2
- New systems and routines such as home learning, spellings, handwriting and mental maths
- How to help at home
- Expectations

Summer holidays

Please continue to work on your child's targets set by your child's Year 1 teacher in their report. This will ensure that children are prepared for Year 2.

We are really looking forward to teaching your children next year. We hope that you have a wonderful and relaxing break.

Kind regards,

Mrs Huxley, Mrs Martin and Miss Duncombe