

The Foundation Phase Curriculum

In Year 2 children continue to follow the Foundation Phase curriculum. They are usually now at a stage in their learning where we are preparing them for a new curriculum in the Juniors.

The seven areas of learning, which we approach through topics with a focus on literacy and numeracy are:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development & Wellbeing
- Language, Literacy & Communication
- Mathematical Development
- Welsh Language Development
- Knowledge & Understanding of the World
- Physical Development
- Creative Development



We also focus on developing children's key skills of ICT and thinking across all of these areas of learning.

Year 1 & 2 Topics

2018-19

Autumn Term

Famous Faces

Spring Term

Our World

Summer Term

Carnival of the Animals

Your Child's Progress

We observe and make assessments of the children almost everyday, which inform the next steps in your child's learning journey. You will be invited to 'Parents' Evening' early in November to discuss how your child has settled into Year 2 and how we can work together to help them develop and prepare for Juniors.

If you have any questions / are concerned about your child's progress please don't hesitate to speak to Miss Taylor.

Reading / Homework

In Year 2 all children bring home a reading book and homework each week.

Sharing the book with your child, encouraging them to use their reading strategies to decode words without hindering the flow of reading is important. Don't be afraid to prompt them with unfamiliar words. Talking about the story, and predicting what might happen next are important skills for developing a love of reading.



We really do value the partnership between home and school and we encourage you to write comments in the home/school book.

Homework activities will take a variety of forms.

Encourage your child to work on these with an increasing degree of independence where possible.

Reading / Homework folders will be sent home at the beginning of term with a range of activities for the children to work on. Dates will be given for your child to bring their homework in to school which they can share with their teacher and their friends. Online maths homework is also allocated every Friday.

If you have any concerns about your child's reading / homework please comment in our home-school book or talk to Miss Taylor at the end of the school day.

Seesaw—please sign up to your child's free seesaw account. This way you can see pictures, videos and their work.

Numeracy

We would also appreciate your support by encouraging your child to use / handle money at home. This can be a difficult concept for many children and the more practical experience in real-life situations children have is an aid to their understanding. Making maths fun, by playing counting games / board games / counting objects etc. can also help aid your child's understanding of number



Internet Safety

When using the internet at school children are supervised by staff and use specific sites. There are also filters applied by the Local Authority, these can not guarantee that unsuitable material can not be accessed, but do significantly reduce any risk.

All children and parents sign an acceptable use / E-Safety agreement during your child's time at Barker's Lane.

We would appreciate your support with educating your child about safe use of the internet as we all know, it can be an amazing educational resource.

Uniform / P.E Clothing

It is very important that all of your child's belongings are all clearly labelled. Please check on a daily basis that your child has brought home all the clothing that he / she went to school with. Any unmarked items are placed in the lost property box; labelled items left at school can be returned to the individual child.

P.E Kit

All Year 2 children require a P.E kit (blue T-shirt, white shorts and pumps). These need to be left in a labelled P.E bag on your child's peg. **No earrings to be worn on P.E days please.** Y2 P.E takes place on Wednesday.

Healthy School

Free Breakfast Club All children are eligible to come along. Doors open at 8.15am and will be closed at 8.30am.

Year 2 children are provided with a mid-morning snack of fruit and milk. Milk is free but we ask for a contribution of £8 per half-term or £42 per year towards the cost of fruit.

Year 2 children are provided with a new water bottle in September which they need to bring to school with a fresh supply of water everyday. **No flavoured water / fruit juice please.**

School meals—menu available on the website. ***Dinner money to be paid online by Mon morning or sent on Mon morning please.***

Packed lunch—we have a duty to encourage healthy lunch boxes. Please do not send more than one chocolate biscuit in the lunchbox, and no sweets please.

Birthday Cake

From time to time some parents send birthday cake into school for the class. If you are considering sending cake in on your child's birthday, please send the cake already cut in individual sandwich bags. The cake can then go home with each child at hometime. We have a number of children in school with severe food / nut allergies therefore this will support us tremendously.

Working in Partnership

We very much value our home-school partnership and only by working together can we do the best for your child.

Your first point of contact at school is always your child's class teacher. If you have any worries / concerns, or want to celebrate good news with us, please talk to the class teacher first.

If an issue is unresolved or of a sensitive nature please make an appointment to discuss this with Miss Harrison-Edwards, Headteacher.

General Information

Payments / Monies

Online payments are our preferred method of payment. If you do need to send in any monies, **please put money in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name** and what the money is for.

Punctuality / Attendance / Absence

School starts at 8.55am. Our doors are open from 8.45am to ensure all children are punctual for school. If your child is ill and can't attend school please use the contact form on our website or telephone the school office 357754 and let us know.

An attendance report will be provided each half term. As a school we have a duty to report any concerns we have with persistent lateness / absences to our Attendance Officer.

Collecting Your Child From School

Please try to be on time at the end of the day as tired children do get upset, especially when everyone else is going home. If your child is being collected by somebody different it is important that you inform the teacher or the school office. We will not release your child to someone we have not been informed about.

Children are not permitted to use the equipment before and after school. Please ensure your child is supervised on the school premises, particularly when waiting for older siblings after school.

Health & Safety

Please park safely when bringing / collecting your child from school. **Parking on the yellow zig-zags / across the drive is not permitted.**

Smoking (including e-cigarettes) is not permitted on the school site.

Dogs are not permitted within the school grounds.

Medicines

If your child requires medication, please discuss this with Miss Harrison-Edwards, Headteacher. A form must be completed from the school office if your child requires medication to be administered at school.

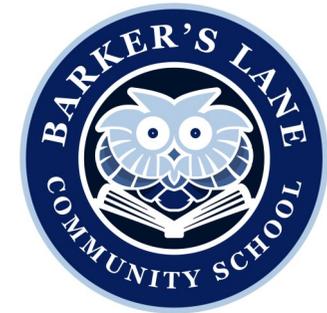
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