

Welcome to Year 2. We are looking forward to getting to know our new classes.

School doors open at 8.50am and the classroom door will be closed at 9.00am. After this time, you will need to take your child to the office to sign in. Please ensure you bring your child to school on time every day as we often have groups starting straight away. School finishes at 3.30pm. Children should only be collected by people over 16 please.

School PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please bring a PE kit (including trainers) with your child's name clearly labelled. PE kit should include blue, grey, white or black t-shirts and shorts/trousers and no football shirts. Children should not come in PE kit but get changed in school. Earrings should be removed or covered before coming to school on PE days. School are not responsible for your child's earrings after being removed for PE.

Every child needs a water bottle (labelled with their name) as it is important that your child is able to drink water whenever they are thirsty in school. Please do not put juice in your child's water bottle.

Please ensure your child brings their reading book and diary to school every day. Regular reading with your child is essential to support their learning across the year. Please read at least three times a week and record it in your child's reading diary. Check the book band label for questions you can ask your child about their book. You don't need to ask every single question, just pick one or two relevant questions. Your child's book will be changed at least once every two weeks.

This term's work will include:

English:

- Writing linked to our Science topic of Health and Growth
- Story writing about a character in London, linked to our Geography topic
- A diary entry linked to the history topic – The Great Fire of London
- A town Crier's Speech about the Great Fire of London

This term our chosen book is 'Paddington' by Michael Bond. We will be using this book to explore different areas of the curriculum.

Maths:

- Children will be improving their knowledge of the number system through place value, addition and subtraction.
- Children will also be given opportunities to consolidate and apply these skills through problem solving and reasoning.

Topics for this term:

- Science – Health and Growth, Animals including humans
- Geography – London and the United Kingdom
- History – The Great Fire of London

PSHE

- about the importance of special people in their lives
- about making friends and who can help with friendships (on and offline)
- about solving problems that might arise with friendships (on and offline)

You will receive a knowledge organiser, giving you details about what we are learning in school. It will also have QR codes to access useful websites.

We will send out some home learning challenges. These are optional activities that will give you a chance to work with your child to extend their knowledge of our current topics.

Here is a reminder of our school rules, which we expect children to follow:

Work hard and always try your best. Be kind and respectful to everyone.

Take care of our school and the things in it. Do as you are asked straight away.

Children will be rewarded with Dojo points in class for positive behaviour.

Please make sure your child attends school every day as we aim for attendance of at least 96% at Berridge. We are able to administer medicines in school with your permission.

Thank you, The Year 2 team

Mrs Nijran – Sycamore, Mrs Gower – Chestnut, Mrs Dexter – Willow

Children across year 2 are supported by the following Teaching Assistants:

Mrs Patterson, Mrs Bi, Miss Zoe and Miss Bradshaw



Here is a QR code to scan to order your child's milk:

www.coolmilk.com



All messages are now sent through the Arbor app & email. You will need this app to keep up to date with information from school about trips, visitors and how to pay.