

Welcome to Year 2 at Birklands Primary School

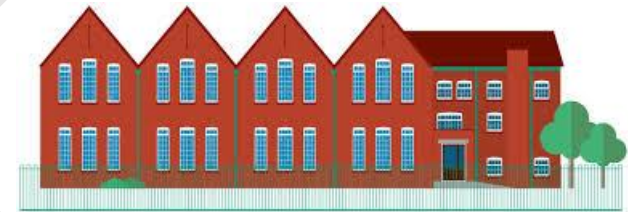
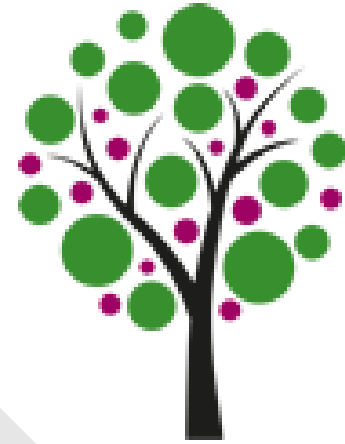


Hello to all children (and their families) who will be entering Year 2 in September!

We would usually have a transition week planned to get familiar with your new class, the routines and the adults in the class. Unfortunately our transition time has not been possible this year.

We hope this presentation will answer any questions you have and give you some idea of what to expect in September as a Year 2 pupil at Birklands.

Welcome to
Dove Class
(Year 2)





Staff in Dove Class



Mrs Lewis
Class Teacher



Mrs Pawlitta
Class Teacher



Miss Cox
Teaching Assistant



Staff in Dove Class

All About Me...Mrs Lewis



My favourite book is...The Tiger Who Came to Tea

My favourite food is...pizza (but not with pineapple on!)

When I am not in school I like to...go for walks with my dog Ellie. She loves to chase her ball.

A fun fact about me is...I am a Geordie - I grew up in Newcastle (the best city in the world!)

What I am looking forward to this year...some of the fabulous topics that we are going to do!



Staff in Dove Class

All About Me...Miss Cox



My favourite book is...The Scarecrows Wedding by Julia Donaldson

My favourite food is...Chicken Burger 🍔

When I am not in school I like to...go shopping and spend time with my friends and family.

A fun fact about me is...I play for Ollerton Town ladies FC

What I am looking forward to this year...working with all of you again!!





Staff in Dove Class

All About Me...Mrs Pawlitta



My favourite book is...The Twits by Roald Dahl

My favourite food is...stew and chips

When I am not in school I like to...play football and spend time with my family.

A fun fact about me is...I have a 12 year old Jack Russell named Trevor.

What I am looking forward to this year...getting to know all the lovely new Year 2 children.

Dove Class



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Key staff you will see in and around school



Mrs Smith
Head of School



Mrs Hughes
School Business
Manager



Mrs Hague
School Admin



Mr Cox
Site Manager

Teachers at Birklands



Mrs Wesley
F1- Wren



Miss Lounds
F2- Puffin



Mr Cohen
F2- Robin



Mrs Evans
Y1- Magpie



Mrs Lewis
Y2- Dove



Miss Marsh
Y3- Jay



Miss Goodwin
Y3- Siskin



Mrs Henderson
Teacher



Mrs Allen
Y4- Kittiwake



Mr Brightman
Y5- Nightingale



Mr Marsh
Y5- Kingfisher



Miss Watson
Y6- Goldcrest



Mrs Pawlitta
Teacher

Teaching Assistants at Birklands



Mrs Lean
Foundation



Miss Cox
KS1



Mrs Nelson
KS



Mrs Peters
KS2



Mrs Coverley
KS2



Mrs Cox
KS2



Mrs Sefton
Carer

MDSA and catering team



Mrs Battiste

Mrs Truman

Mrs Whittlestone



Mrs James



Mrs Wheeldon



Mrs Hunt

Mrs Alvey



Mrs Moulson



Miss Chambers

Arriving at school

- When arriving at Birklands you will enter through the main gates. Turn left and continue to walk down the side of the school until you reach the KS1 playground.
- Parents/Carers will wait here ready for the member of staff on duty to ring the school bell at 8:45am.
- Children will line up in their class and their teacher will be ready to lead them in to school where they will hang their belongings on their peg and enter the classroom. Please see video of the route for arriving to school.

Video



A Typical Year 2 day

Time	Activity	What this will look like
8:30 – 8:45	Arrival on school playground	Children can begin to arrive on the Key Stage One playground in preparation for the doors opening. A member of staff will be on the playground from 8.30am.
8:45 – 9:00	Register and Morning Maths	Mrs Lewis takes the register, while pupils complete their morning maths session which consists of quick arithmetic questions and then tasks which help us to remember and reinforce our previous learning in Maths.
9:00 – 10:00	Maths	Each Maths session has a specific learning focus. Children are set tasks which will help them to develop fluency skills then a deeper understanding of that focus.
10:00 – 10:15	Handwriting	Handwriting practice to support correct letter formation. As the year progresses we move on to looking at handwriting joins.
10:15 – 10:30	Snack time	All children in Year 2 continue to receive free fruit each day.
10:30 – 10:45	Play time	Supervised outdoor play.
10:45 – 11:10	Phonics	Children are taught phonics in groups which target the phonics phase they are working at.
11:10 – 12:00	English	English teaching is based around a focus text which is used to develop skills in reading, writing and grammar.
12:00 – 12:50	Lunchtime	Pupils eat lunch and have some time to play outdoors.
12:50 – 2:00	Afternoon session 1	The learning in the afternoon is linked to our topic and may involve teaching of science, geography, history, art, DT, PE, RE, PSHE, computing or music
2:00 – 2:15	Play time	Supervised outdoor play.
2:15 – 3:00	Afternoon session 2 then home time	The second session of learning in the afternoon followed by home time.

Home time

- Home time is at 3:00pm.
- Children in Dove class will exit through the same door as the one they entered school through.
- Parents/carers will wait outside on the KS1 playground. When the door opens the member of staff will call each child by their name when they can see their adult.
- Please be patient with this process as we have a lot of children to ensure leave school safely.

Video



Key Information: Reading

- Reading at home plays a vital role in developing your child's learning and can have a massive impact on their progress in school.
- Your child will bring home a book matched to their reading level and should be encouraged to talk about what is happening in the story and to make predictions as well as reading aloud. Please try to read at home 5 times a week.
- All children should have their book bag with their book and reading diary in school every day.
- **100 books to read before you leave Year 2** – all children will have the opportunity to borrow one of these books each week to take home. There are some beautiful books which you can share together. Books will have to be returned before another book can be borrowed.

Key Information: Homework

- Homework will be given out on Thursdays and should be returned no later than the following Tuesday.
- Homework will usually include English and Maths tasks which link to the work done in school that week. In addition, children will be given spellings to learn. Spelling tests will take place on Fridays each week.
- Homework is given to help your child's learning and they will need adult support and encouragement.

Other Key Information

- We will have PE twice a week and all children need a PE kit for these lessons. We will let you know which days they are when our timetable is confirmed in September but it is worth keeping a PE kit in school throughout the week in case of alterations.
- To minimise lost belongings, please ensure all items and clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. This way we can ensure items are swiftly returned to their owner.
- We understand the importance of working closely with parents, carers and the community. We respect and value the incredible children you have and want to work together to realise their full potential. We are looking forward to an exciting and productive academic year and are here for any questions or concerns you may have.

What happens next...

- Please complete the All About Me booklet and return to school as soon as possible.
- If you have any questions or queries please send them to;
- llewis@birklandsschool.co.uk
- Please have a look at our website too
www.birklandsschool.co.uk