



Welcome to Year 2 – Kingfishers and Skylarks 2023-2024



Introduction

Welcome to Year 2. We hope your children will enjoy their time with us and are motivated by the range of work provided. If you have any further questions regarding the curriculum or class routines, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher.

Teachers: Miss Cole (Kingfishers), Miss Barker (Skylarks), Mrs Morris (Tues Kingfishers and Wednesday Skylarks)

Teaching assistants: Mrs Wain, Miss Mullar, Miss Pomorska, Mrs Saravanan, Miss MacDonald

<https://www.KeepHatch.Wokingham.sch.uk/school-info/whos-who/>

PE days: Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Our Topics:

- 1. Looking at London!**
Geography Focus – Where is London and what is it like?
History Focus – Gunpowder Plot and Great Fire of London
- 2. Land Ahoy!**
Geography Focus – Continents and Oceans
History Focus – Explorer: Christopher Columbus
- 3. Kings and Queens!**
History Focus – How has the role of the monarch changed over time?
- 4. Near and Far!**
Geography Focus – Comparative study between Beijing and London.

English and Maths

English and Maths will follow the Year 2 curriculum which is available to view online:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-primary-curriculum>

Spellings will be taught through 'Read, Write Inc.' (RWI) phonics lessons and embedded through extended writing opportunities.

Home Learning

Please read daily with your child and sign their Home Reading Record. We recommend little and often for most successful progress. Children will be given a reading book matched to their ability. If this is a phonics book, this will be a photocopied book that they have practised in school and an additional Book Bag book to practise at home. If children are beyond the RWI phonics programme, they are encouraged to choose a class library book to read for pleasure. Before changing their reading book, we will ensure children can read the text fluently and with sufficient understanding.



In Year 2, children are expected to know and use their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Please help us by practising these regularly. Once they are confident with them, please also practise division facts e.g. if I know $3 \times 5 = 15$ then $15 \div 3$ must be 5. Your child will be sent home with a *TT Rock Stars* login. If times tables are a little tricky for your child, please remember that Numbots (which is the same password and log in as TT Rock Stars) is great for supporting with basic calculation. This is particularly useful in the Autumn term before we cover multiplication in school. In addition, we often set an optional piece of home learning each week to consolidate our classroom learning. This can be found on Year 2 Microsoft Teams page.

Behaviour

As part of our school ethos to promote a positive culture, we will be using Class Dojo to recognise the range of good behaviour we have at Keep Hatch, both inside the classrooms and out on the playground. We will also be encouraging children to consider a 'Growth Mindset' and to challenge themselves wherever possible. You will hear lots about our school values, working as a team and 'earning Hatchies'! In addition, there are also opportunities for the promotion of positive behaviour through Star of the Day, Board of Brilliance and Weekly Special Mention.

Additional Information

Teachers

Mrs Morris will teach Skylarks on Tuesdays and Kingfishers on Wednesdays.

Daily checklist

- Water bottle
- Jumper
- Coat
- Reading book and reading record
- Pencil case
- PE kit **Tuesdays and Wednesdays**
- Healthy snack
- Lunch box (if your child is not having a school dinner)

Pencil cases

Children are encouraged to bring their own pencil case to school. ***This should be able to fit comfortably in the school trays.*** They could contain:

- Writing pencils
- A rubber
- A ruler
- A glue stick
- A purple pen (not a felt tip)
- A pencil sharpener
- Colouring pencils and/or pens

If you have any questions, please do ask your child's class teacher.