



We have enjoyed welcoming all the year 2 children back to school and they have all settled back into the routines wonderfully. There is definitely a buzz around school and a lot of smiles! We are just writing to let you know some information about the remainder of this term and about our weekly routines.

We would also like to welcome **Miss White** who is a student teacher and will be working with Class 2 for the remainder of this academic year.

Daily routines

<u>Day of the week</u>	<u>Bring to school/ Wear to school:</u>	<u>Coming home:</u>
<u>Monday</u> Muddy Monday	Children must wear appropriate long trousers, a waterproof coat and wellies which are kept in school. Reading books for change.	Reading books sent home.
<u>Tuesday</u>		
<u>Wednesday</u> PE	Until the weather warms up, please send your child in PE kit with joggers rather than shorts. Earrings should be removed. Where possible, please provide Velcro fastening trainers until your child can confidently tie shoelaces.	
<u>Thursday</u>		

<p><u>Friday</u></p> <p>Weekly spelling test PE</p>	<p>Until the weather warms up, please send your child in PE kit with joggers rather than shorts. Earrings should be removed. Where possible, please provide Velcro fastening trainers until your child can confidently tie shoelaces</p> <p>Red spelling books</p>	<p>Red spelling books and new spellings sent home.</p> <p>**Children will continue to have 10 spellings but these will be tested on fortnightly, not each week. This will give the pupils longer to learn them. You can choose to split them into 5 each week to make it more manageable.**</p>
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** Athletics activities will be set relating to our learning and these are **optional**. Your child can also access any other areas once they have completed set tasks. **

Communication

Please continue to use the Year 2 email address to communicate with us any questions or concerns about your child. We will check it daily and we will endeavour to acknowledge or respond within 48 hours. **Please use the school admin email for any correspondence regarding changes to collection, school absences and appointments.**

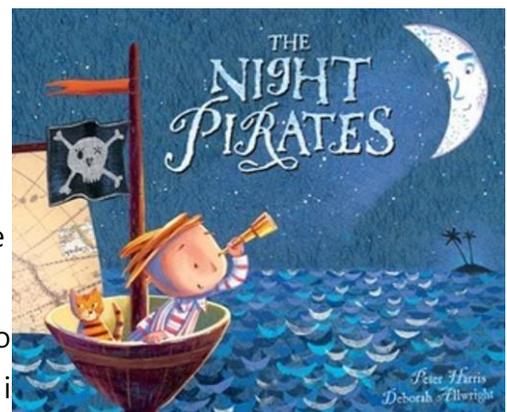
Year 2 email address: year2@barfordschool.org

Curriculum News

Our topic of 'Explorers' continues with the focus on Pirates! A reminder that we have an exciting workshop next week on 'The Great Fire of Warwick' so hopefully your children will come home and share with you lots of interesting facts! This links to topic on 'The Great Fire of London' from the Autumn term. If you like to refresh their memory on the topic the following website is very engaging:

<https://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/game/>

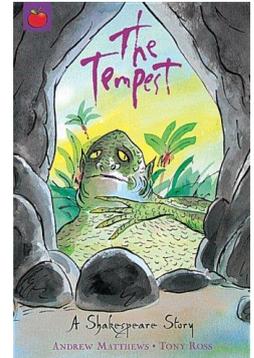
English



Over the next few weeks we will be using various texts with the pirate theme to retell and write our own version of a story; write instructions; write and perform poetry and also write diary entries.

Shakespeare Week

This week we are having a 'Shakespeare Week' across the school. Year 2 are looking at the play 'The Tempest'. We will have lots of fun acting out parts of the play and playing 'hot seating' to help us discuss how the characters were feeling at different parts of the play.



We will continue with phonics and our Year 2 common exception words.

Maths

The children will be focussing on calculations for this term. This will include: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will look at a range of practical and written methods to support their understanding. Please remember to use **Mathletics** at home to support and consolidate their learning and **Times Tables Rock Stars** for their times tables with a focus on 2x, 5x and 10x.

A reminder of the maths game they enjoy: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10>

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

Mrs Smith and Mrs Carson