

Welcome to Year 2!

A warm welcome from the Year 2 team



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Communication

- Class teacher is your first point of contact
- Please come and chat to us first thing in the morning or at pick up time
- Alternatively, contact through year group email
- Year group email – year2@billingshurstprimary.org.uk
- Emails checked **up until 8.15am & 3.20-4.30pm**
- Your email will be acknowledged **as soon as it is read**. There may be further action required after this.
- You may then be called at the end of the day or a meeting will be organised
- Emails will be responded to within 24hrs
- Call the school office for absence or changes to pick-up arrangements

Website/Social Media/Newsletter

- ▶ Our website is up to date, contains important year group information, dates and information about each curriculum area.
- ▶ Please follow our social media using the handles below to see regular posts from across school celebrating and showcasing wonderful learning from classrooms.
- ▶ Our weekly newsletter is shared every Friday by email and social media. This contains an update from Ms Ley, reminders, celebrations and much more!

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Writing

After discovering a school-themed time capsule from 1932, the children will use comparative language to compare school life in the past and present. As writers, the children will write a letter to inform the children of the future about school life in 2025. As poets, and in time for National Poetry Day, the children will explore the language used to show the passing of time in 'The Oak Tree' by Julia Donaldson. The children will then write and perform their own poetry to entertain. Inspired by Faye Hanson's 'The Wonder', the children will express their curiosity by asking questions and then using their imaginations to describe how a cloud machine works.

Music

As musicians, the children will sing songs expressively about harvest. They will develop their pitch, dynamics and tempo when singing in response to a leader's direction.

History

As historians, the children will learn about what schools were like in the past in comparison to now. The children will use sources and study timelines in order to explain how schools have changed in the last 100 years.

Life Skills

As citizens, the children will discuss what it means to be part of a community. They will discuss what different families look like and how they are different. They will use their oracy skills to discuss their feelings and those of others. The children will explore how to manage their feelings.

Mathematics

As mathematicians, the children will be partitioning numbers up to 100 using place value charts. The children will add and subtract two-digit numbers including those that bridge across a 10. They will use manipulatives (concrete resources), pictorial representations and abstract thinking to achieve this. They will develop their reasoning and problem solving skills.

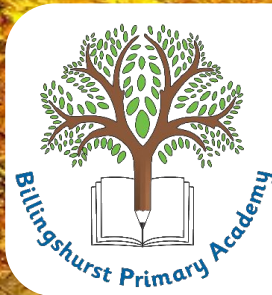
Science

As scientists, using our environmental area, the children will find and name some **animals and plants** in a microhabitat and describe why they are suited to living there. They will then look at world habitats and describe how they provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other.

Physical Education in/outdoor

As indoor athletes, the children will explore their balance, rhythm and flexibility through gymnastics and dance.

As outdoor athletes, the children will be developing their ball skills, using their hands and feet.



Year 2 Learning Web

Autumn Term 2025

Art

As artists, the children will develop their knowledge of digital art. They will use their computing skills to adapt art using graphics and manipulate their artwork to create their own digital piece.

Computing

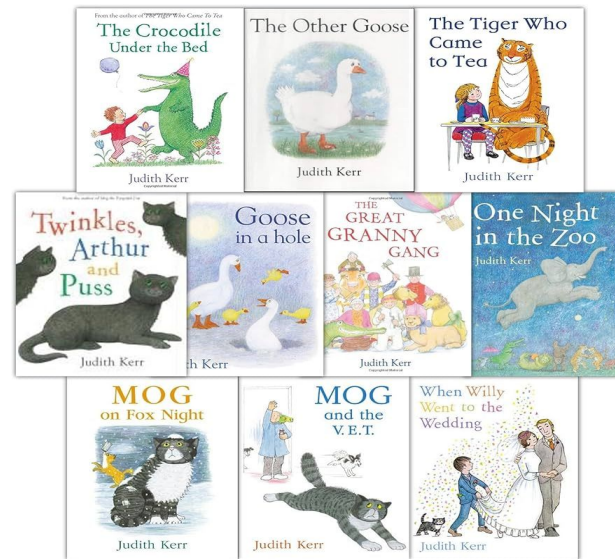
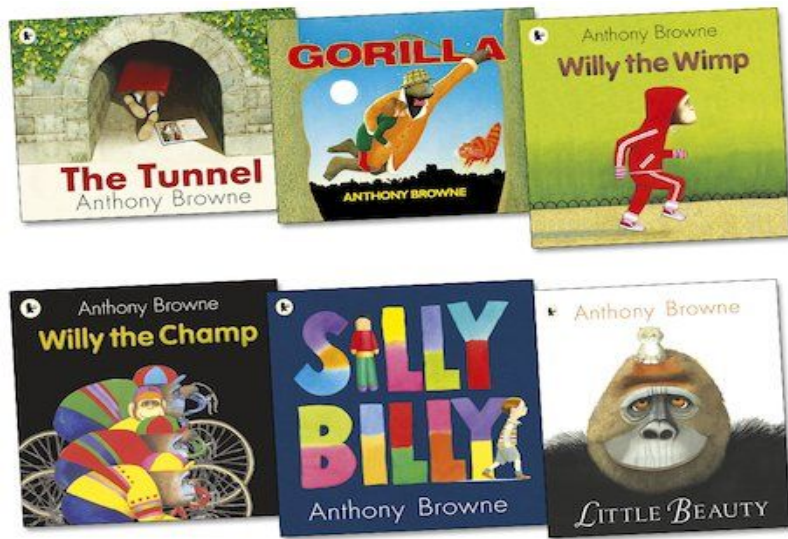
The children will learn how to stay safe when using the internet. They will use iPads to research a variety of people, places and events safely.

Additional information about learning

- In the Autumn term, Year 2 have indoor PE on Mondays and outdoor PE on Tuesdays.
- Please make sure children wear the appropriate PE kit into school, including warmer layers for the winter.



Reading



During our reading sessions, we will be encouraging children to make predictions explain what has happened in a story and bringing the text to life through drama.

Reading helpers - if you can spare some time to come in and listen to the children read please let us know. Your support is greatly appreciated!

How to support at home

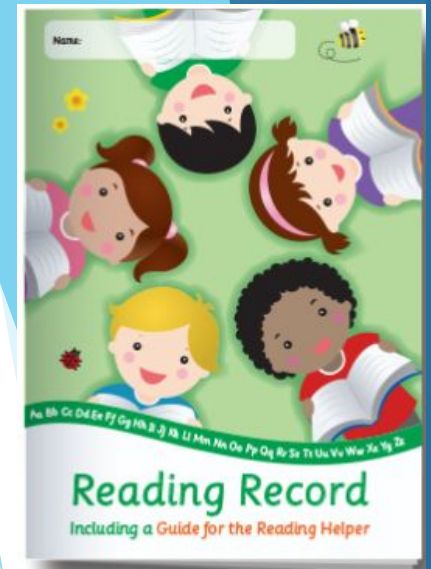


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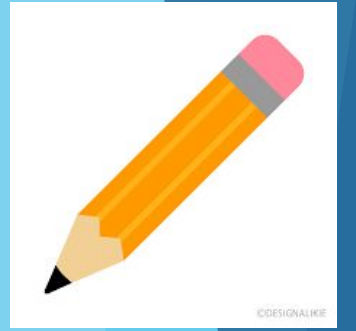
- Your children will be sent home with an appropriate RWInc book every Friday.
- In addition to this, they will also have a book online (Oxford Owl).
- Comprehension group will enjoy reading an early chapter book and this can be changed on the following Friday as and when they are finished.
- We will regularly visit the school library as a class so the children can explore and enjoy a range of different texts.

Reading records

- When you read with your children, please do write a comment in their reading records. For example, ***sounded out "sunshine", developing the 'i-e' sound.***
- The adults they read with at school will also write in these.
- Please try to ensure that your child reads every night (15-20 minutes).
- Whilst you are reading, please support your child to learn key words and ask questions about the books that they are reading.

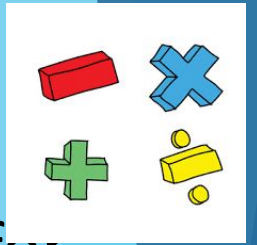


English



- This year, the children will develop their writing skills by learning how to extend their sentences using conjunctions, how to describe using expanded noun phrases such as ‘towering, tall tree’ (rather than green tree).
- Spellings – Spelling rules and common exception words will be taught once a week and picked up in writing lessons.
- Children will develop their stamina for writing as well as learning to join their handwriting.

Maths



- This year, children will develop their understanding of place value for two-digit numbers as well as adding and subtracting. This will then develop into using this understanding to multiply and divide a given number by 2, 5 and 10.
- Real life problem solving
- Children will be working on presentation and are taught to write 1 digit in each square.
- The children will learn all of their bonds to 10 and 20 and the 2-, 5- and 10-times tables by the end of KS1

Forest School



Autumn 1 - Starting on Wednesday 17th September	Kerr/Ahlberg
Autumn 2	Kerr/Browne
Spring 1	Ahlberg/Browne
Spring 2	Ahlberg/Kerr
Summer 1	Browne/Kerr
Summer 2	Ahlberg/Browne

Mrs Gold

Forest School

What to Expect

Forest School will take place once a week in the school's woodland area. Sessions will run in all weather conditions, except in cases of high winds or extreme weather. During sessions, children may take part in a range of activities such as:

- Nature-based crafts
- Den building
- Fire lighting
- Campfire and outdoor snack cooking, such as marshmallows, damper bread, toast, etc.
- Tool use, whittling, woodworking
- Exploration and discovering nature
- Learning about local wildlife and habitats



Forest School - Clothing

Please ensure that on Forest School days they bring in a change of clothes (in a named bag).

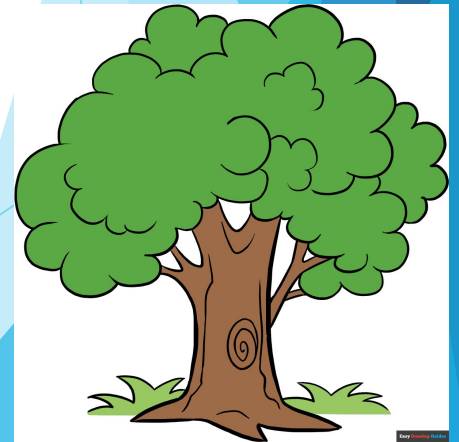
In colder months:

- Waterproof coat and trousers
- Warm layers (e.g. fleece, jumper)
- Hat, scarf and gloves
- Thick socks
- Wellies or waterproof boots

In warmer months:

- Long-sleeved top and trousers (to protect from scratches/insects)
- Sun hat
- Sun cream applied before school
- Waterproof jacket (just in case!)
- Trainers or sturdy closed-toe shoes

Please label all clothing clearly to help prevent lost items.



Homework

- The partnership between home and school is vital. We are working together to support your child to reach their full potential.
- Comprehension group: weekly spellings will be sent home each Friday and tested the following Friday (orange books).
- RWINC green and red words - Oxford Owl
- Times table and number bond practice - great online games will be shared with you.
- Daily reading (10-20 minutes a day)



Uniform



- ▶ Children will need to wear correct uniform every day, including **plain black school shoes**.
- ▶ Grey or black skirts, shorts or trousers should be worn, together with a white polo shirt and blue jumper or cardigan.
- ▶ Our BPA Bees often have second hand uniform sales – keep an eye out for dates.
- ▶ In summer, blue and white summer dresses may be worn.
- ▶ Please do name **ALL** items of clothing – with over 600 children it is challenging to reunite people with unnamed uniform.
- ▶ **Lost property will be put in the school entrance on the last Friday of every month**

Healthy Minds

- Water bottles – access all day
- Healthy morning snack (provided in Year 2)
- Healthy lunchboxes
- Daily mile



Behaviour and expectations

- At BPA core values are - Ambition, Belonging and Courage.
- We have our Golden Rules - Ready, Respectful and Safe
- We have Oracy guidelines to follow in school which support the children with their communication skills.
- Assemblies
- House points
- Year 2 are role models for Early Years and Year 1

Attendance

- Attendance is the most important factor in ensuring your children make good progress at school
- Please make sure we have an up-to-date email address and phone number for you.
- If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact the school office to let us know.
- If you don't contact us, expect the office to contact you.

Arrival and departure

We are encouraging the children to walk into the class independently. There is a designated place on the playground to wait.

Start of day: KS1 & KS2 gates open at 8:40am and close at 8:55am. Registration is at 8:55am.

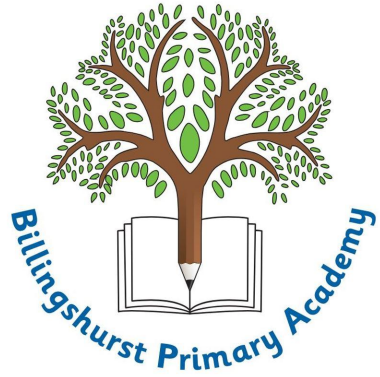
End of day: KS1 gate opens at 3:05pm, KS2 gate opens at 3:15pm.

Finish times: EYFS: 3:10pm, KS1: 3:15pm, KS2: 3:20pm.

BPA Bees



- ▶ The BPA Bees support all of our events throughout the year, helping us to raise money for the school. Year 6 leavers, Christmas trugs, Welly walk, Summer fun day and much more!
- ▶ For this school year, they have helped fund outdoor learning projects and have given each year group money towards trips and activities.
- ▶ If you are interested in helping out then please do let us know.



Thank You

Thank you for attending and we look forward to getting to know you all!

