

Yorke Mead Primary School



Spring Term
Year 2

Welcome to the spring term!

We can't quite believe that the spring term is upon us already! Your children worked incredibly hard during the autumn term; we are looking forward to this continuing, with your help, throughout the spring term too.

Things to bring to school

Book bag

I need my book bag and reading book **every day**. My reading book will be checked to see if it needs changing on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please write in my reading record so that my teacher knows I have read and tuck the book inside the reading record to keep them together.



To keep our reading books in good condition please **DO NOT** put water bottles into my book bag.

PE Kit



I need a pair of black shorts, trainers/plimsolls and a red t-shirt for PE. As the weather gets colder, I will also need a pair of tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt as we will do outdoor PE. **I need my full PE kit in school every day**. My PE kit should stay in school and just be brought home at the end of each half term. **Our PE days this term are Wednesday and Friday.**

A Bottle of Water

Sipping water throughout the day helps to keep my brain active. I need to bring a bottle of water to school each day. I will bring my water bottle home each night so that it can be washed and refilled ready for the next day. No juice please.



Snack



It can be a long time from breakfast until lunch time for a little tummy. Please can I bring a healthy snack to eat during break times.

Coats and Hats

With the weather in Britain I will always need to have a coat or jacket in school in case it turns cold or rains, and in warm weather, please can I bring a sunhat for outdoor activities and sun cream. I should apply the sun cream before I come to school on sunny days.



Library Books



We will continue to have library time each week. I will choose a library book and bring this home. I need to bring my book back to school the following week so that I can choose a new one.

Forest School

This term Year 2 are lucky to be starting their forest school sessions. Horse Chestnut will have their sessions on a Tuesday afternoon, this half term and Cedar will commence their sessions after the half term break. I will need to bring in wellingtons, a warm jumper and an extra pair of warm socks for the sessions. These can remain in school during the half term. Please ensure everything has my name in it!

My Day at School

When I come into the classroom I will organise myself. Each morning I will take my reading record and reading book, any letters for my teacher and any homework I need to hand in out of my book bag.

We usually do our English work, guided reading and maths in the morning, and our topic work including art, history, music, geography, P4C, science etc. activities in the afternoon. We do try to link our work together so that our English and maths work is also part of our topic work. We have a playtime in the morning and afternoon. This helps us to practise our gross motor skills and also helps us towards the daily recommended one hour a day exercise all children should have. In the afternoon we all take part in the daily mile which lasts for 10 minutes.

At the end of the day I will put my reading book and any letters back into my book bag, so please remember to check it each night.

Here is a copy of our timetable for the week. Please note that it is subject to change each week, depending on the curriculum demands, but we hope it will give you an idea about what might be happening in school each day.

Yorke Mead Weekly Timetable: Year 2 Spring 1

	8.40 - 9am	9.00 - 10.00	10.00 - 10.30	Assembly maybe before or after break	11.00 - 12.00	12	1	1 - 1.15	1.00 - 2.00	2.00 - 2.15	2.15 - 2.45	3 - 3.15
Monday		English	Guided Reading	Assembly	Maths			phonics	Science	Daily Mile Break	Science	
Tuesday		English	Guided Reading	Singing Assembly	Maths			Phonics	C: RE HC Forest school	Daily mile Break	HC: Forest school	
Wednesday	Morning activity	English	Guided Reading	Break time C: Class Assembly H/C Mental Maths	Maths			Phonics	PPA HC: PE C: Music	Daily mile Break	PPA HC: Phonics C: PE	
Thursday		HC: Computing C: Spelling test English	Guided Reading	Assembly	HC: Spelling test HC: English C: Computing			Phonics	Maths	Daily mile Break	PSHE	
Friday		Maths	Guided Reading	Celebration Assembly	HC: Topic C: PE			Phonics	HC: Music C Topic	Daily mile Break	HC and C: P4C	

What will I learn?

This year we will cover the following topics:

	1 st Half	2 nd Half
AUTUMN	Ourselves	Great Fire of London
SPRING	Under the sea	Explorers
SUMMER	Africa	Cold Climates

Home Learning

I will be given home learning each Friday. Home learning will usually need to be handed in by the following Wednesday. I will have a weekly spelling test and times tables test every 4th week. Please help me to learn my spellings and times tables at home. It is better to practise these for a few minutes every day rather than just once a week. I may also occasionally have some topic home learning.

Spelling List

Here is a copy of this half term's spelling words.

Year 2 Spring 2 Spelling Overview

Help your child decide on their level of challenge:

Super: Words 1 to 5

Mega: Words 1 to 10

Ultra: Learn all 10 spellings and an extra 3 unknown spellings, following the same 'rule' will be added to their test. The test is on a Thursday.

Week 1 WC 9/1/23	Week 2 WC 16/1/23	Week 3 WC 23/1/23	Week 4 WC 30/1/23	Week 5 WC 6/2/23
The sound /u/ spelt with 'o'	The /or/ sound spelt or, ore, aw, au and with an 'a' before ll.	The /ar/ sound spelt with ar and 'a'. The /air/ sound spelt are and ear	The /ear/ sound spelt ear and ger. The /e/ sound spelt ea. Homophones.	Adding the suffix -est with no change to the root word. Irregular plurals and plurals of words ending in 'y'
1. other 2. mother 3. brother 4. nothing 5. Monday 6. have 7. give 8. love 9. move 10. behave	1. corn 2. short 3. more 4. score 5. claw 6. straw 7. launch 8. haunted 9. small 10. walk	1. party 2. sharp 3. start 4. fast 5. after 6. share 7. square 8. chair 9. fairy 10. wear	1. near 2. fear 3. dear 4. deer 5. cheer 6. steer 7. head 8. spread 9. peer 10. pear	1. fastest 2. quickest 3. slowest 4. teeth 5. mice 6. people 7. leaves 8. babies 9. cherries 10. families

Reading

I will read to my teacher during guided reading and so I will not necessarily read my reading book in school each week. Some of us will read our reading books each week whilst others will just read them occasionally. Books will only be changed (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) if they have been read at home and this has been recorded in the reading diary. It is important that my reading record is always signed with a comment to help my teacher know how I am getting on with the book. Even if I have previously read a book I have been given, I can still learn and improve my reading skills through reading the book at second or even a third time.

On a Monday my teaching assistant will put a stamp in my book if I have had my book signed at least 4 times the previous week. Once I have 10 stamps I will receive my bronze reading award, 20 stamps the silver reading award and 30 the gold reading award.

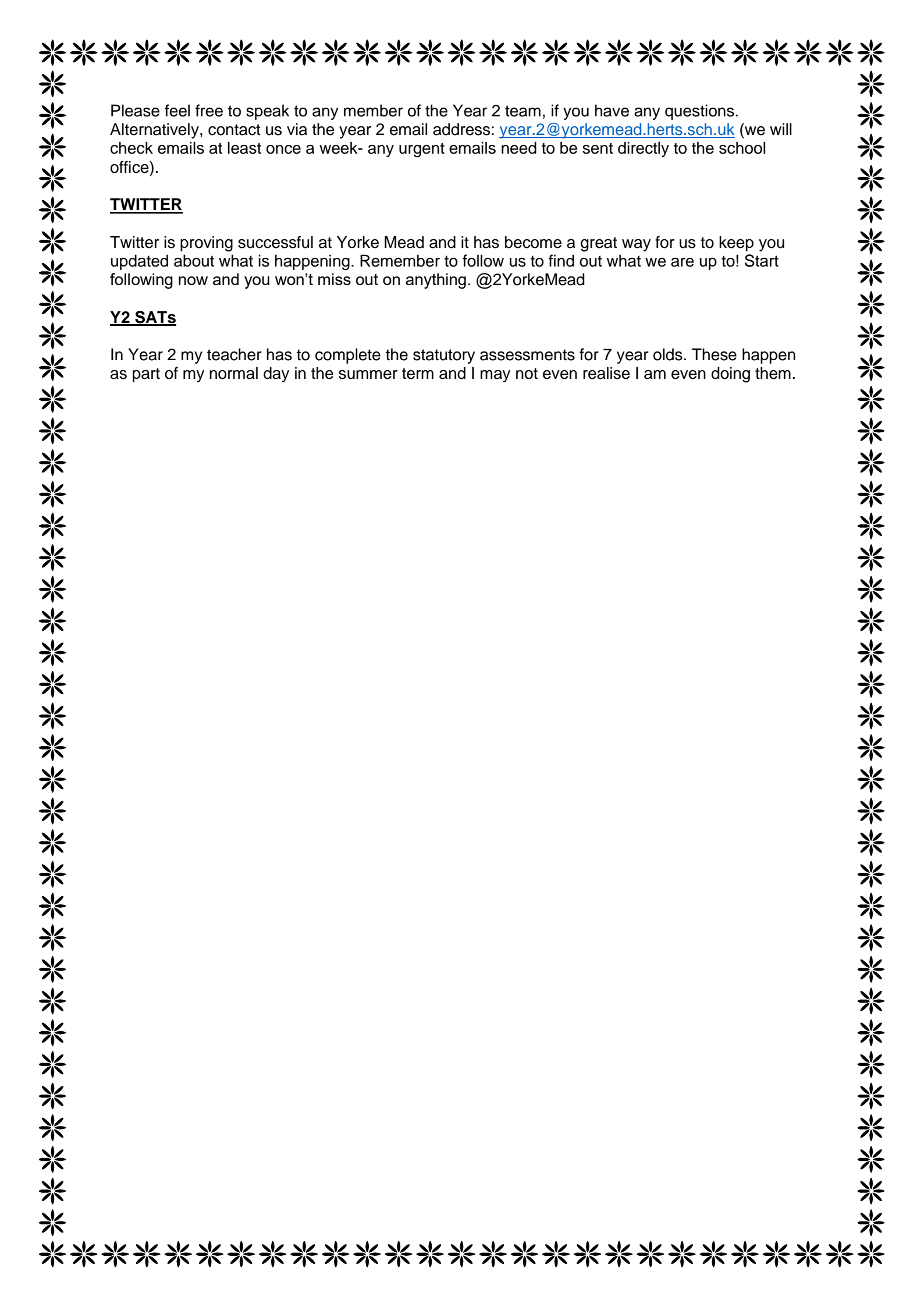
As I go through Year 2, my books will get longer and I may just read a few pages and talk about these each day. I don't have to read the whole book each night, but please do record how much I have read in my diary each time.

Who works in my classroom?

Year 2 Horse Chestnut: Mrs Bennett, Mrs Williams and Mrs Hands

Year 2 Cedar: Mrs Kalyan, Mrs Bentley, Mrs Khanum

Mr Furlong will also be supporting our PE lessons and Miss Welsh-Welling our forest school sessions.



Please feel free to speak to any member of the Year 2 team, if you have any questions. Alternatively, contact us via the year 2 email address: year.2@yorkemead.herts.sch.uk (we will check emails at least once a week- any urgent emails need to be sent directly to the school office).

TWITTER

Twitter is proving successful at Yorke Mead and it has become a great way for us to keep you updated about what is happening. Remember to follow us to find out what we are up to! Start following now and you won't miss out on anything. @2YorkeMead

Y2 SATs

In Year 2 my teacher has to complete the statutory assessments for 7 year olds. These happen as part of my normal day in the summer term and I may not even realise I am even doing them.