



Year 2
04.09.26



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 2! We have had a wonderful first week back at school. We started off with our welcome to school Mass on Friday.

The children have enjoyed getting to know their new adults and have familiarised themselves with their new classrooms, the routines, rules and expectations.

We have enjoyed hearing all about the children's summer and have been impressed with their oracy skills in front of the class. The children also demonstrated their sentence writing learning from Year 1.

We have started with some Maths activities (number bonds to 10 and 20) and will be continuing with the focus of Place value over the next few weeks.

In RE, we discussed and reviewed our school mission statement and how this links into all our learning.

Parent Information:

Communication: If you have any questions or messages for your child's class teacher, please come and speak to us at the **end of the day** or email info@stpolycarps.surrey.sch.uk.

We kindly request that if there is an urgent message in the morning, please inform the staff in the office and they will ensure the message is passed on.

Reading Expectations in Year 2: Please see the details below.

Changes to Spelling Teaching in Years 2-6

Dear Parents and Carers,

From September, we will be using Read Write Inc. (RWI) Spelling across Years 2-6 and will no longer be using Spelling Shed (EdShed).

Children will take part in daily spelling lessons, which provide a clear and consistent approach to spelling, building on the phonics and handwriting programmes already used in school. Research shows that frequent practice and consistency help children to remember and apply spelling patterns more effectively in their writing.

There will be no formal weekly spelling homework or tests. However, we recommend regular practice at home. Your child's weekly spelling words will be shared in the newsletter, and additional activities (in Spelling Extra Practice Zone) can be accessed through the RWI Spelling Portal: <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-pupils/pupil-home>

Username: polysyear2

Password: y2polys

Homework:

There will be no homework this week.

From next week, homework will be set out on Friday to be completed by the following Friday. Please continue to read daily with your children.

Diary Dates:

Library: Friday

Please keep library books in your child's book bag when not being used. This will ensure that the library books are available when needed.

Games: Friday

PE: Wednesday

For Games and PE – A reminder that the children will need to wear their full PE kits (labelled with name) to school. Please ensure all jewellery is removed on these days.

Wednesday 16th September – Year 2 Parent Presentation 2.45pm in Swifts classroom.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Year 2 Team

Reading Expectations in Year 2



Handy Hints

- Make reading part of your daily routine.

- Short sessions – **10 mins** a day is ideal.
- Always make reading fun not a chore.
- Talk and discuss the story.
- Read a range of books not just the ones from school.
- You can use the pictures to help read the text.
- Remember to Fred Talk (sound out) any unknown words using phonic sounds.

Please remember to write the date and title of the book in the Reading Record if your child has one. You can also add a comment if you wish.

Read Write Inc.- Children will be reading each day in their RWI lessons. Children will then bring home reading books every 3 days.

Accelerated Reader- Children who have finished RWI will progress to reading Accelerated Reader books. Books will be chosen according to the ZPD level and changed regularly. A quiz needs to be completed once the book has been read. Every child must have done at least 1 quiz by Autumn half term.

Children's voice – we would love to see what your child thinks about their books. After finishing a book, they could always write a comment.