



Year 2 Curriculum 2020–2021

The Year 2 Team



- ▶ Mr Dale – Badgers
- ▶ Mrs Salter – Squirrels
- ▶ Mrs Attrill (Monday & Tuesday) and Mrs Drury (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday) – Owls

Reading at school



During reading sessions

- ▶ Children will be taught about a range of punctuation
- ▶ They will be encouraged to use a range of strategies to identify unknown words
- ▶ They will be encouraged to discuss plot and characters
- ▶ They will predict and retell the story
- ▶ They are encouraged to read with expression and intonation
- ▶ Their fluency will develop as their confidence rises
- ▶ The children are grouped by ability to ensure they are studying a suitable text
- ▶ The book level read at school is a level higher than the level of the book that is sent home to ensure that the children are appropriately challenged

Reading with your child



- ▶ We ask that you continue to read with your child every day. If your child is a reluctant reader little and often is the best strategy. Please try to show your child how important you view reading by sharing additional books with them eg. reading stories aloud.
- ▶ Please record a comment in your child's reading diary when they read to you
- ▶ Do ask your child questions about what they have read– they could retell the story, stop mid-way through and ask them to make predictions
- ▶ Encourage your child to read a range of texts that interest them
- ▶ Any other books that they read can be recorded in reading diaries as well

Writing



- ▶ Please encourage your child to write for fun at home. This could include writing stories, making lists, writing letters and emails.
- ▶ Please ensure you encourage your child to sound out words and read back to you what they have written.
- ▶ Due to changes in the curriculum correct spelling and legible handwriting is now a high priority in Year 2. Your child will not be able to achieve age related expectations (ARE) at the end of KS1 if they cannot spell the majority of what they write correctly and clearly.

Maths



- Year Two children should be confident to read and write numbers to at least 100 in numerals and words.
- ▶ Things you can practise with your child at home:
 - Count in steps of 2, 3 and 5 from 0 and in 10s from any number
 - Place value – what each digit in a number is worth e.g. in the number 24 the 2 represents 2 tens or 20
 - Telling the time to five minute intervals
 - Money values and change
 - Multiplication facts for 2, 5 and 10 times tables
 - Practise addition and subtraction facts for numbers to 20

The National Curriculum and Assessments



- ▶ As in Year 1, we use the National Curriculum to teach the children
- ▶ This gives us greater opportunities to ensure that the children are able to access their learning at a deeper level – called mastery
- ▶ By the end of Year 2, the expectation is that most children will be Year 2 secure

SATs



- ▶ Children in Year 2 are currently tested using Standard Attainment Tests (SATs)
- ▶ These are written in line with the National Curriculum
- ▶ Children will be tested in English (reading, writing and spelling, punctuation and grammar) and Maths
- ▶ An example question could be:

Apples cost 10p each. Pears cost 25p each.

Amy buys 1 apple and 2 pears. How much change does she get from £1?

- ▶ The Phonics Screening test, which should have taken place in June 2020 for your child, has been rescheduled for the first term. We will send you more information when we have received it.
- ▶ At College Town Primary, we use SATs as a way to assess children's progress and identify areas for further teaching. These are likely to be administered in May 2021.

Homework



- ▶ Please read with your child as often as possible. If they are tired, simply sharing a book with them and talking about it can be just as valuable. This can help in lots of different ways from developing your child's understanding of different features of books to comprehension skills.
- ▶ Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) – The number facts that the children will be learning throughout the year will support their ability to instantly recall number facts, laying the foundations for further development.
- ▶ This half term it is to know double and halves of numbers to 20.
- ▶ There will be half termly projects set for children to complete.
- ▶ Homework is sent home in the their purple exercise books and will be marked on the date it is due in.

Spellings



- ▶ Children will be having daily phonics practise
- ▶ Spellings are taught in phonics lessons along with some words which do not follow a spelling rule
- ▶ High frequency words which do not follow a spelling pattern are also taught in these sessions
- ▶ Spellings are taught through activities which benefit visual, kinaesthetic and auditory learners
- ▶ Assessment will be through writing across the Curriculum
- ▶ Research has proven spelling tests are ineffective

Useful Reminders



- ▶ PE days–
 - **All three classes will have PE on a Thursday – children come to school in their PE kit for this day only**
- ▶ Book bags must be in school every day with just their reading record and reading books only
- ▶ Books are currently changed once a week on Monday, your child will bring home two books as they did in year 1
- ▶ No backpacks or stationery needed
- ▶ Please ensure your child has a named water bottle everyday

School Website



- ▶ Please check our website – especially your child's class pages to learn more about what is happening at school and activities you can do to support them at home.

www.collegetownprimary.com

Knowledge mats



Knowledge mats will be created by the teacher at the beginning of each topic.

These will be found on the class web page.

They will introduce key vocabulary and facts the children need to know.

Bug Club



- ▶ Interactive books for children to read at home. We allocate 12 new books to the children every half term.
- ▶ Books are set at the correct level by teachers.



Bug Club

Newsletters



- ▶ In our half termly newsletter we will let you know what we are focusing on next half term so you can help your child learn more!

Topics



This year we will be covering the following topics in Year 2:

- Autumn – History of flight
- Spring – Castles and Knights
- Summer – Globetrotters