

Year 2 Newsletter

Term 1 2025



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Greenhithe School for 2025! If you are new to the school, we extend a special welcome to you and your family.

The Year 2 Team is as follows:

Fran Morrison	Room 11 (Year 2 Team Leader)
Steph Sussex	Room 9
Carole Strombeck	Room 10

Curriculum

Structured Literacy



Structured literacy is an evidence-based approach to teaching reading and writing. It focuses on systematically teaching the relationship between sounds, letters, and words, helping children build strong decoding and spelling skills. Lessons are explicit, sequential, and tailored to each child's needs, ensuring all learners can progress confidently. It covers phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension to support overall literacy development.



Inquiry

Throughout the year we will explore a variety of topics from the Science, Social Science and Technology curriculum areas. We hope to have trips that connect to some of these focus areas and often have visitors to the school to help explore these topics more fully.

Maths



Regular practice of number identification to 10, 20 then 100 followed by simple basic facts, including +/- first to 10 and then to 20, and 2, 5, 10 x tables (and their related division facts), is something you can do with your child at home. Please help and encourage your child to spend 5-10 minutes daily on these. Having instant recall of basic facts helps students to solve number problems more efficiently. We will also be conducting statistical investigations; collecting data, creating graphs. In addition to this the students will be learning about shape and how to measure length. We also encourage children to use Mathseeds to support their learning, this will be up and running in the next couple of weeks. Please ask your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Swimming



All children will need to bring named togs and towels in a separate bag. Please ensure that all of your child's items of clothing are clearly named. Teachers will advise you of their swimming days.

Fitness and Physical Education



We run structured developmental fitness that helps children develop their balance, coordination and gross motor skills. We also explore movement to music on Fridays. Each term will have a different physical education topic that builds on the skills that we are developing through our structured fitness activities.

Communication



All communication that needs action during school hours please contact the office, for example if you need to collect your child early. Reminders will be sent out on seesaw but all other notices will be via email or you will be sent a hard copy.

We look forward to working in partnership with you this year.

Warm regards,

Year 2 Teachers