

Welcome to Year 2



A little bit of information about us.

My name is Fiona and I have been teaching at The Grove Primary School for 12 years. I have also taught in Year 5 and Early Years but Year 2 is my favourite! Marie will be working in Year 2 on a Monday and Wednesday mornings. Marie is passionate about moving children on with their learning. We will also have a parent helper, Katie and a grandparent helper, Mary volunteering every Tuesday. Mary is actually my mum and she will listen to your child read and change their reading book each week. She has been volunteering with us now for 5 years and she loves listening to the children.

What is it like in Year 2?

Year 2 is an important year for children as it is their final year in Key Stage 1 before they become big Key Stage 2 boys and girls! It is also the year that children take their first SAT's. We make this as fun as possible.



What is our first topic?

I am excited to announce that our first topic will be *Animals*!! This is such a great topic as children will get to handle lots of different animals, some cute and furry, some scaly and scary!!! We will have a trip to Kirkhall Zoological Gardens in September as well as having some Crazy Creatures visit us. If you have a pet who doesn't mind children, let us know and they can come in for a visit too!! We will also find out about where animals live in the world and their habitats.



What do we do in Literacy?

We build up our fluency in reading and begin to predict what might happen next in a story.

We will describe characters and settings and write our own stories based on stories we have read.

We will write diaries, letters and make leaflets.

We will understand what nouns, verbs, adverbs and adjectives are and begin to use them in our writing.

We learn more spelling rules to help us spell.

Children's reading books will continue to be changed on a weekly basis. Please ensure they have them everyday.



We will learn new spelling rules which will be stuck in your child's reading record. It would be a great help to your child if you would go over them.

What do we do in Mathematics?

We add and take away 2 digit numbers.

We learn our 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

We divide by 2, 5 and 10.

We find $\frac{1}{2}$'s $\frac{1}{4}$'s and $\frac{1}{3}$ s of numbers and shapes.

We measure in cm's g's and ml's.

We tell the time on analogue and digital clocks.

We learn more 3D shapes.

We solve problems.



Things to do with your child...

- .Practise independent skills.
- .Practise counting in 2's, 5's and 10's
- .Let your children understand the coins in your purse/wallet.
- .Practise high frequency words.
- .Write for fun- stories, diaries, postcards, shopping lists.
- .Draw or paint pictures of what they have seen and done.
- .Go to the library. Consett library is fantastic!
- .Read, read, read!! The more you read with your children the better prepared they will be for Year 2 and the more enjoyment they will get from books.
- .Ask them questions about what they are reading.
"Why was the Giant upset with Jack?"

and finally- HAVE FUN!!

