

Celebrating birthdays

Sometimes children bring in sweets or cakes to celebrate their birthdays. There is no expectation to do this. However, please be mindful that we are a nut free school. Any treats should be individually wrapped. Teachers are aware of individual allergies.

Helping your child in Year 2

**Autumn Term
2026**

Together we care, together we achieve!



Welcome to Year Two. We are really looking forward to the year ahead.

'Explorers'

This term our learning journey focus will be History and Geography as we look at Shackleton's expedition to cross Antarctica.

ENGLISH

Reading

We believe reading is crucial to your child's development as a learner. Therefore, we ask that you read with your child every day. When your child has read to you, please initial and comment in the reading diary. For each day recorded, your child's name will be moved around the Reading Star to celebrate this achievement. When a text is completed, your child is responsible for changing their own book when they come to school in the morning. Your child will read daily as part of a whole class focus, as well as with their class teacher each week, individually or within a guided reading group. Please ensure your child is able to access reading through Bug Club, as this incorporates a selection of comprehension tasks relevant to their reading level.

Writing

We encourage our children in Year Two to have the confidence to write independently for different purposes. We will focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar - through writing stories, instructions and poems linked to our Learning Journey. During Term One we will have a focus on joined handwriting, ensuring correct letter formation and attention to tall and small letters.

Spelling

Correct spelling is a priority in Year Two as we teach our children that not all words can be written phonetically. Please support your child by helping them practise our 'words of the week'. The first list will be sent home at the end of week 4.

MATHEMATICS

In Year Two there is a great emphasis on fluency, reasoning and problem solving. This term we will begin with teaching number and place value, addition and subtraction.

You can help your child by revising the number bonds to 10, doubles/halves of numbers and recognition of odd and even numbers. We will soon start learning the times tables (10, 2 and 5). Please continue to support your child with accessing 10 minutes of Doodle Maths a day. The aim is to stay in the green zone.

And more generally:

If you need to leave a message with your child's class teacher, please contact us via email. Please include both class teachers in all correspondence. Alternatively, one member of our Year Two teaching team will be on the door every morning to welcome the children. If you have an urgent message, please give them your child's name and class with the message to deliver.

Angelfish

Mrs Russell (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs)

karenr@cradlehill.e-sussex.sch.uk

Mrs Dower (Thurs, Fri)

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Clownfish

Mrs Clear (Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri)

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Mrs Mottram (Tues)

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Jellyfish

Mrs Hooker (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri)

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P.E.

Clownfish - Tuesday.

Angelfish and Jellyfish - Thursday.

Please send your child to school in their **school P.E. kit with a school jumper/cardigan**. There will be one formal lesson in the hall each week and additional active sessions at various times during the week.

Thank you for your support and please keep in touch.

Mrs Russell, Mrs Dower, Mrs Clear, Mrs Mottram and Mrs Hooker