

Hummingbirds



Class Booklet

2022 - 2023



Welcome to our booklet for this year. We are hoping this will prove useful and give you an outline of what to expect in Year 2 at Rodings Primary School.

ADULTS WORKING IN YEAR 2

CLASS TEACHERS

Hummingbirds: Miss Raban

Doves: Mrs Rigby and Miss Guiver

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS

Hummingbirds: Mrs Simpkins and Mrs Cook

Doves: Mrs Heywood

TYPICAL/AVERAGE DAY IN YEAR 2

Our day begins at 8:45, with a piece of fruit and the register, and then children will have an 'Early Bird Maths' session before an assembly. Our first lesson of the day will usually be English and after break, there will be a Maths lesson and a Read Write Inc/Reading Fluency session. After lunch, we generally have our foundation subjects based around our topic (history, geography, art, DT, music, etc), or the discrete subjects which we cover (RE, PSHE, computing, science, etc). Every afternoon, we do our Daily Mile and at the end of the day, we will read a story in our classrooms.

Although this is an 'average' day, things will be subject to change as we progress through the year (as we cover more of the curriculum but also due to time table changes: such as Forest School, swimming, special events, etc). Also, not every day will follow the format above. Some days we will spend a longer part focusing on a line of enquiry or producing an in-depth piece of work.

SPELLINGS

As a school we are passionate about a mastery route throughout our curriculum, and as part of our implementation of this we have decided to alter our approach to spellings. We will send home a weekly list so that the children can practise the spellings at home, but we will also explicitly teach the spelling/grapheme rules and patterns regularly in school. The spelling list will also be uploaded to Spelling Shed each week.

Our teaching will include the following processes:

Identifying the grapheme/rule
Sound Buttons
Sound-sort grid
Test (usually on a Friday)

HOME LEARNING

Reading: Our expectation is that pupils should read for a minimum of ten minutes daily.

Spellings: See above

Numbots/TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed: We will introduce these web based platforms to the class throughout the year, as appropriate. Children will be given log-ins for these (in their planners) and can access these fantastic programs either through a website and/or app to help them with their learning. Once your children have been given these, it would be great if they practise at home weekly!

READING

The children will continue to bring home a copy of their current RWI book (if applicable at their stage of the RWI scheme) and another reading book from a range of schemes. The RWI book will be their primary (main) book and will be changed when your child's RWI group moves onto the next book. Just to remind you, in each RWI book, there is a Speed Sound Chart, lists of Green words (those that can be sounded out) and Red Words ('tricky' words) and a Speed Word Game, all of which can be read and played with your child. Your child will also have an opportunity to change their secondary reading book twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays. We ask that you sign in the reading diary to say when either book has been read, and record any comments that you might wish to make.

Once your child is no longer working on the RWI Scheme, they will be added to a programme called Accelerated Reader. This is a computer program that helps us manage and monitor the children's independent reading practice. Your child will get a book at his/her own level and can read it at his/her own pace. At this stage, the main focus is on your child's fluency and comprehension.



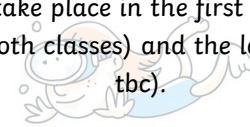
PE

This half-term (whilst we have swimming), the Doves will have their PE lessons on Tuesdays and the Hummingbirds will have theirs on Thursdays.

Once the colder weather begins to creep in, please could we ask you to make sure your child is wearing a pair of jogging/tracksuit bottoms and a hoodie; we will endeavour to take our PE sessions outside as much as possible!

SWIMMING

Swimming lessons will take place in the first half-term of Autumn Term (Mondays and Fridays for both classes) and the last half-term of Summer (days tbc).



FOREST SCHOOL

Forest school will take place on alternate Wednesday afternoons.

For the Autumn Term:

14th September, 28th September, 11th October, 2nd November, 16th November,
30th November

14th December: EYFS and KS1 Christmas Carols in the Forest

As in Year 1, the children need to come to school in suitable 'own clothes' on their Forest School day, bringing their waterproofs, wellies, and any extra layers needed in a bag (**all** clearly named please).

We will do our best to go to the forest on each of these dates, but as we know from experience, the weather can sometimes be a little unkind and some changes/cancellations may be unavoidable (for example, if it is very windy, it is unsafe to go to the forest). We may, however, decide to work on the field instead, so therefore, please send in all Forest school clothing irrespective of the weather!

CORE VALUES

RESPECT
ENJOYMENT
CARE
CONFIDENCE
CHALLENGE

SCHOOL RULES

BE RESPECTFUL
BE SAFE
BE READY TO LEARN

TOPICS

EXPLORE - Our School, Around the World

DISCOVER - Castles, Toys & Technology

CREATE - Grand Designs, Sculptures, Take One Picture

ASSESSMENTS

As always, as teachers, we are continuously assessing and monitoring the children's progress day to day, week to week, throughout the year.

We also have timetabled assessments:

There will be an Assessment Week each term, during which the children's achievements and progress will be assessed.

SATs - during May 2023, the children will do Reading and Maths tests. The results are not officially recorded, but will be used to inform our own teacher judgements at the end of Year 2.

Phonics Screening Check - in June 2023 (for those children whom did not pass in June 2022.)



CLASS DOJO

We will continue to use CLASS DOJO as a way of keeping you informed of what we have been up to in the classroom. It's a fantastic app which you can download to a phone or tablet (or access the via the website) where we will post updates and photos of the work we have done that day. We will continue to use Class Dojo to remind you of important information and dates. You are also able to message us on there and we have no problem with you doing so for low level importance matters or information you think we need to know. However, we would like to stress that we will not always pick messages up that day, and that the app has inbuilt 'quiet hours' where we don't receive notifications, so for important or urgent matters (e.g. absences) please contact us via the office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NON-UNIFORM (MANDEVILLES ONLY)

9th September

HARVEST ASSEMBLY

7th October

OPEN DAY

3rd November

LEARNING CONSULTATIONS

12th & 13th October

DROP-IN SESSION

1st November

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Week beg: 14th November

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

tbc

KS1 NATIVITY

6th - 10th December

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY DAY

16th December