



Fern class Y2 - Information & Curriculum letter



Dear parent/carer,

Below is a summary of the class welcome meeting. The presentation and other information can be found on the website on our class page.

Your child's teachers

- Mr S Tunesi
- Mrs Clayton & Mrs Brown– classroom support
- Flora Smith – singing coach
- Mr Clarke – sport coach

Uniform

Full list on the website



- EVERYTHING CLEARLY NAMED, even shoes!
- Black sensible shoes – no trainers or open toed sandals
- No earrings
- Plain hair bands and accessories please
- Named book bag (Not ruck sack) with only one key ring for identification
- Named coat
- Named water bottle – can be sent in empty and filled in school (water only – not juice)
- PE kit and Forest School kit essential
- An old T-Shirt for art/D & T

The school day



- Side gate opens at 8:45a.m and closes at 8:55a.m prompt.
- Nursery door opens at 8:45a.m.
- Please inform the school if your child is being collected by someone else – even if they're a parent

Class routines

- Timetable available on the website
- Class routines/rewards – we use 360 points in class. See timetable for our weekly lessons.
- P.E will be on a Monday and a Wednesday. P.E. kit in school all the time
- Forest School is on Wednesday mornings and children need Long sleeved tops.
- Homework will go out on Friday – it due back in on Wednesday.
- Home/School reading – Your child has a set day for books changed and this will be written on top of the reading prompts letter.
- Music Lessons - ask at the office to register
- Spellings – there will not be a weekly test –the children will participate in an oral spelling bee, sometimes we will do assessments and use a test format/children correct spellings in a paragraphs.
- Regular reading at home (at least 3 times a week) to support learning in school.
- Phonics sessions occur in Reception/Year 1 -SPAG (Spelling, punctuation & Grammar) in Year 2 and beyond
- Home/School book for reading comments or other messages – *not for homework please*.

Handwriting



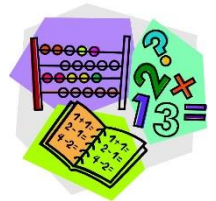
Good handwriting technique is key to supporting the presentation of children's writing across the curriculum. To support this we focus on;

- Pencil grip
- Correct letter formation
- Correct number formation
- Practising joined writing
- Handwriting is expected to be fluent, legible and with good pace by the end of Year 2
- Letter formation k K f F

Maths Challenges

We will send two challenges every half term home for your child to learn.

The challenges help to develop;



- Problem solving/reasoning
- Recall of key maths facts
- Confidence in mental maths skills.

You can find our Maths Calculation policy on our school website. This supports you to help your child with;

- Mental calculations
- Informal pencil and paper methods
- Standard written methods

Your child's progress

- We use 'My Progress Goals' to track your child's progress (See website for documents)

Keeping you informed

- Parent consultations - Autumn Term (interim report with end of year targets)
- Full written report and summary of progress to date/next steps – Spring Term
- Parent consultations - Summer Term (summative report with end of year information)
- Stay & Share – a chance for your child to show you their work in books and on display. Also a chance to see what's happening in other classes

Our SEND Coordinator is Mrs Wakeling.

Check out our school Newsletter and website for dates of PTA meetings. All are welcome!

Lunches

Your child's lunch starts at 12 and finishes at 1pm.

- Lunch menus are available on the school website.
- Days can be flexible but please give notice if switching from school dinners to packed lunch
- No nuts please
- <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

Active Travel to school

As a school we promote, whenever possible, that children participate in active travel. A generation ago, 70% of children walked to school – Now it is less than half. We want to reverse this trend and empower children to be healthy and make good choices. To support us you could park at the church car park or Ridley and walk to school.

Breakfast and After School Club



- Breakfast club - 7:30a.m until 8:55a.m
- Breakfast available until 8:15a.m
- Nursery to Year 4
- After School club – 3:15p.m. – 6:00p.m
- Snack and drink provided
- Nursery to Middle School
- Range of activities
- Mrs Hancock (Lesley) and Ms Butters (Emma) run the sessions.

Keeping in touch

- School Website: <http://www.stannington.northumberland.sch.uk> Newsletters every fortnight are packed full of info and news!
- We send text reminders
- The Home/school book is an effective tool to communicate with your classes teacher
- Please make sure your contact details are up to date
- admin@stannington.northumberland.sch.uk to contact the office
- Facebook
- Twitter



Thank you for your support

Mr Tunesi