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Year 2

Mrs Armstrong

Welcome!



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Aims for Year 2

- A variety of experiences
- High expectations
- Children develop their talents and independence as they move towards Key Stage 2.
- Children enjoy coming to school



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Responsibilities

- Increased independence – remembering homework, letters, P.E. kits etc, returning reading books.
- Following instructions first time
- Being polite and helpful to adults and children around school
- Head of KS1



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Rewards

- Team points
- Star of the day
- Good news book/merit badge
- Happy face/sad face



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Warning Book

- Used when the children continue to break class rules or for more serious incidents.
- Three entries into the warning book per term and the pupils will speak with Mr Edmundson.



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2018-2019

SATs tests at the end of the year (May/June) in Reading, Maths and Spelling/Grammar (optional for teachers to choose) to reflect the National Curriculum 2014.



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Home reading books

Home reading - Three books to go home once a week – Monday. Children should aim to read for 10 mins every school night.

Children should be able to read **95%** of the words and should be reading aloud – reading for fluency.

Focus on developing vocabulary and on retelling the story, predicting what might happen next or simply talk about the book and what happens.

Please sign the reading record.



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Guided Reading

In school **guided reading** is carried out each week in addition to reading in lessons and phonic work on building words.

Guided reading groups will be assessed throughout the year and levels adjusted accordingly.

Question mats being sent home to support questioning at home.

Library books – changed every Monday.



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Homework

- Focused homework based upon the curriculum;
- Comprehension
- Reading aloud and sharing books (home readers and library books)
- English (spelling patterns + high frequency words and sentences for groups after half term)
- Maths



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Maths Homework

- Once a week – Tuesday, back on Friday
- Worksheet, game, practical activity
- Linked to the week's learning – reinforcement at home and consolidation.
- If child needed help please write brief note or 'HG' for help given.



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Supporting school work, out of school.

Maths:

timings of the day and daily routines

money/shopping

times tables (2, 5, 10, 3, 4)

Shapes of real life items

Games- snakes and ladders, puzzles, word games, Boggle.
Dice games adding or multiplying. Computer games.



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English

- Spellings – learn for a test and a piece of comprehension homework (max. 10 spellings)
- Spellings/comprehension goes out on Monday and is due back by Friday.
- Spelling tests are on Friday.
- Sentences – spellings to be written in a sentence composed by the child (with help if necessary).



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English

- Ideas: listen to the pupils read, library, bookshops, educational websites etc.
- Remember importance of non-fiction as well as fiction.
- Find literature connected to children's interests including extra curricular interests
- The importance of speaking and listening
- Involving grandparents and wider family



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Assessment in Year 2

- Ongoing teacher assessment within all areas of the curriculum.
- SAT's testing in May/June, will focus upon:
- Reading – comprehension style test in Fiction and Non-Fiction. 2 papers
- Maths – questions across the subject over 2 papers, arithmetic and reasoning.
- Spelling and Grammar - optional



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Assessment in Year 2

- Later in the year there will be a SATs information evening
- A chance to look at example papers and ask further questions
- 2 parent/teacher evenings in the year to explain pupil progress.



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KS1 Fund

- KS1 Fund reintroduced
- £15 for the year = £5 per term
- Money spent on KS1 only
- Used for extra educational resources/treats to develop artistic curriculum and thematic curriculum.
- Letter going out tomorrow



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Games Kits

- Outdoor Games = Wednesday
- Games kit needed in school
- Spare socks – very important!
- Outdoor trainers to be worn- pumps are not used. Please check size.
- No tights – girls must wear jogging bottoms and socks.



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What does my child need?

- Book Bag – backpacks for KS2 or cyclists.
- Water bottle (with name)
- Games kit with trainers
- Coat for cold/wet weather
- NO jewellery except earring studs.
- NO nail varnish
- Named uniform items!



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Lunches

- For children on school dinners please remember to order choices online
- If you are having difficulty with this please see the office staff who can help.



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Topics

- Autumn: Fire – the Great Fire of London, Samuel Pepys, geography of London, fire safety.
- Spring: Fighting Fit – Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and the Crimean war, developments in medicine, ways of staying fit and healthy.
- Summer: Holidays in the past – geography of coastal locations, history of holidays.



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Home School Agreement

Pledges for the parent(s) or guardian(s): I/we promise that, having chosen Elmridge Primary School, I/we will accept the school's overall aims and objectives, and positively support the class teacher.

I/we will endeavour to:

- Ensure regular attendance and punctuality, and provide explanations for absence
- Support high standards of work and behaviour
- Ensure that the school has up-to-date information for emergency contacts
- Keep the school informed on end-of-day child collection arrangements, and support the code of conduct, which seeks to guarantee a caring, secure and disciplined environment
- Let the school know of any problems which might effect work or behaviour
- Attend parent-teacher consultations about attainment and progress
- Encourage homework and other opportunities for home learning
- Support school community events
- Support all school policies



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Morning Routine

- All class teachers are on the playground prior to the morning whistle being blow, this is to meet/greet the children
- When the whistle is blown we ask parents to wait quietly with their child/ren and support school in getting the children into school quickly and safely by listening to the instructions given by the member of staff that has blown the whistle
- You may need to speak to your child's class teacher, this is best done at the end of the school day
- If you have an urgent message for you child's class teacher, please feel free to visit the school office. Office staff will ensure messages are passed on to the appropriate member of staff
- Use of the school field or any equipment is not permitted



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Free School Meals/Pupil Premium

- All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals 'Universal Free School Meal'
- From Year 3 onwards a free school meal is income-related
- All children from Reception to Year 6 may be eligible for a free school meal
- Receipt of free school meal results in school receiving pupil premium funding of £1300 per pupil per year, the money must contribute to 'raising the attainment of disadvantaged pupils & closing the gap with peers'
- Pupil Premium funding still needs to be claimed even if your child is receiving the Universal Infant Free School Meal in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 classes
- To apply you will need to share your National Insurance details with school. This can be used by school to check whether your child is eligible for the pupil premium funding
- School must have written permission from parents to use their information
- Check with the school office if you feel you may be eligible



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Approach to Healthy Eating

Morning Break:

- Fruit only
- No cereal bars/rice cakes etc
- No fruit winders

Water Bottle:

- We ask children to bring a named water bottle that can be taken home each day

Birthday Celebrations:

- We will no longer be accepting sweets/chocolates to share with their class on their birthday

Lunchboxes: The Children's Food Trust recommends they include a piece of food from each of the following categories:

- starchy foods like bread, pasta or potatoes
- fruit and veg, so sticks of cucumber, celery or carrot, alongside a piece of fruit
- meat, fish, eggs and beans - strips of chicken or bean dips
- dairy food such as cheese in a sandwich or a yoghurt/fromage frais
- a drink - milk or water are the best choices for children's teeth, if you want to pack fruit juice, stick to a 150ml portion



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Twitter - A great way to keep in touch

SCHOOL TWITTER ADDRESS

@ElmridgeSch

CLASS TWITTER ADDRESS

@elmridgeschy2



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Useful information

- Information such as timetable/homework timetable and Curriculum planner will all be available on the school website.
- Paper copies and a Key Stage fund letter will all be sent home this week.



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Thank you

- Attendance and holidays out of school time
- After school – yard or classroom
- Thank you
- Questions – please see me after



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