



Opening Doors, Enriching Lives

Welcome to Year 2

Mrs Brown and Mrs Wilkinson

Attendance

Punctuality is important. Late arrivals can affect attendance.

- * It is really important that your child attends school and arrives promptly for registration between 8:45am-9am.



Personal organiser



Children must bring their Personal Organiser into school everyday.

- * Home/School Agreement to be signed
- * PE kit (Tuesday and Friday)
- * Phonics support
- * Spelling pages
- * Basic maths support i.e. times tables and number squares.
- * Big Maths Learn Its
- * Success cards
- * Holiday Lists



Home Learning

- * Home learning will be set each **Wednesday** and needs to be returned every **Monday**.
- * Much of this will be supporting basic skills in English and Maths. This could be sentence construction, phonics support or addition and subtraction or an online activity, such as Mathletics.
- * We really value any support that you can give to your child at home to further their learning and any comments will help us identify where help is required.

Spellings

- * Spellings are part of Home Learning and are set on a **Wednesday** to be tested on the following **Wednesday**.
- * Spellings will be placed in organisers and we expect children to practise using relevant pages.
- * Spelling lists for each phase can be found in the organiser.



Reading books



- * Reading books are expected to be brought in to school everyday.
- * They will be changed every Monday.
- * Children will choose a book from the selection at an appropriate level in which they are working.
- * As the children progress and their reading skills improve, they will be able to choose a free reading book and also access Accelerated Reader (Summer Term).

This is a computer based learning system which assesses the children's sight vocabulary, comprehension skills, reading speed and accuracy.

The children read a book and complete a quiz then the programme determines their individual reading level.



Reading at home

- * Reading is not just about gaining skills, it is about enjoyment.
- * If you are reading with your child you will find advice in the Personal Organiser which will give you some ideas of how to help them. This is on the green pages before the reading comments section.
- * Please record **three** reading comments only per week. These will be checked every **Friday** and children will receive team points for having 3.



Timetable



- * Your child's morning will include Maths and English.
- * Phonics will be taught in the afternoon.
- * Foundation subjects such as history, geography, music, science, RE, RSE, PE and computing will also take place during the afternoon.
- * **BIG MATHS** will take place first lesson on a Friday morning followed by **CREATIVE WRITING** during English.

Big Maths - Total Recall

- * Rapid recall of times tables facts and simple addition is **essential** to mathematics.
- * Each week we have 90 seconds to answer as many as we can, aiming to beat our score each week.

BEAT THAT! LEARN IT! Challenges!

Steps 6, 7 & 8

Name: _____
Class: _____
Date: _____

Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
9 × 9 =	10 × 10 =	9 × 5 =
7 × 7 =	3 × 8 =	5 × 6 =
8 × 8 =	7 × 4 =	5 × 4 =
6 × 6 =	7 × 10 =	6 × 5 =
	4 × 9 =	8 × 7 =
	10 × 1 =	9 × 8 =
	8 × 10 =	1 × 5 =
	10 × 9 =	2 × 5 =
	10 × 3 =	10 × 5 =
	3 × 9 =	7 × 6 =

MY BEAT THAT! SCORE WAS _____ Wk: 1 Score: _____

Children will complete Big Maths CLIC test consolidating skills. Once children have mastered these skills they will move onto the next level.

Big Maths Beat That!

Name: _____

- 46
- Draw a ring around the **odd** numbers
46 19 71 8
- 3 × 4 =
- Write out the fact family for: 8 + 6 = 14
- Double 8 is
- 36 + 7 =
- 65 - 7 =
- 30 + 40 =
- 36 + □ = 40
- Half of 16 is

Developing Maths – Mathletics

• www.mathletics.co.uk

- * Access hundreds of activities at home for **free**.
- * Work set at an appropriate level.
- * **1 hour per week at home to boost understanding in maths.**
- * Weekly certificates awarded.



- **Passwords can be found in children's organisers**
- **Parents can sign up for weekly reports on their child.**

Internet use



- * Internet safety is taught in school but should also be practised at home.
- * From home, parents and children can access Mathletics, Times Table Rockstars, Bug Club and Education City (Usernames and passwords can be found in organisers)
- * You can see what is happening in class by following us on Twitter @TanfieldPrimary

School Gateway App

If you have not done so already, please download the free **School Gateway** app and register for an account.

Use the email address and mobile number you have given us.

This will allow:

- Continued communication with parents
- School to send free messages, **saving the school budget**
- Online payments next year (More information to follow about this)

Parents, welcome to:
Schoolgateway

Download the app and save us money on texting you...

for Android and iPhone

OUR TARGET
50% of parents using the app.

Activate your account today!

100%

Growth Mindset



I can learn anything I want to.
When I'm frustrated, I persevere.
I want to challenge myself.
When I fail, I learn.
Tell me I try hard.
If you succeed, I'm inspired.
My effort and attitude determine everything.



I'm either good at it, or I'm not.
When I'm frustrated, I give up.
I don't like to be challenged.
When I fail, I'm no good.
Tell me I'm smart.
If you succeed, I feel threatened.
My abilities determine everything.

Rewards

- **Stickers**
- **Team Points**
- **Success Cards** -awarded for something that is a bit special, for:-
Consistency, Resilience, Growth Mindset, Progress, Behaviour, Commitment, Good Citizen
Once children have filled 10 stamps on their success card parents will receive a post card home to celebrate achievements.
- **Privilege Time.** A variety of activities will be offered on a weekly basis, incentivising the children so that they do not want to lose P.T.
- **Star of the Week**

Year 2 Testing

Testing has historically taken place in May, usually over a 3 week period, so it is important to have your child attend school during this time.

This year children will also complete a phonics screening test in the Autumn term.

We will share up-to-date information about the tests and what to expect nearer the time.

How you can help?

- Continue to support your child with his / her reading by listening to them at least **3 times per week**.
- Practising Big Maths Learn Its.
- Completing Home Learning tasks and returning books on time.
- Practise weekly spellings.
- Making sure children have the correct equipment i.e PE kit as this will support their developing independence skills.



Friends of Tanfield Lea Community Primary School

The Friends of the school are a group of volunteers who raise money to fund activities for the children. These activities range from school trips, discos, Bingo nights and coffee afternoons to provide new resources throughout the school, which school may not necessarily be able to buy. They also have been known to fundraise for other charities such as Macmillan & Link to Hope (shoebox appeal).



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Meetings take place termly to arrange our events – like our FB page to check for updates!



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If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us
using our Year 2 email.

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