

# Parent Curriculum Event

Year 2, September 2024



# Agenda

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1. Welcome to the Year Team
2. Celebrating success at Avonwood
3. Curriculum and Key Dates (Autumn Term)
4. Timetables and Routines
5. Home Learning
6. Annual Reminders

# Welcome to Year 2

Curriculum briefing for the Autumn Term



# Welcome to Year 2 Team

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**Miss Rae**  
Deer Class Teacher



**Miss Dimambro**  
Otters Class Teacher



**Mrs Austin**  
Otters Class Teacher



**Mrs Wright**  
Teaching Assistant



**Mrs Colborne**  
Teaching Assistant

# Reasons to feel proud...

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- Strong academic performance
- Consistently excellent attendance
- Beautiful school grounds / building with continued capital investment
- Highly oversubscribed
- Brilliant PTA events
- Consistently strongest staff and parent survey responses in the group
- Avonwood Teacher / TA / Leadership Production Line
- National ResearchEd Event
- #TeamAvonwood Spirit
- Happy children!



# Celebrating Success

School Performance Information



# KS1 results

	Expected+			Greater Depth		
	Avonwood	National (2022)	Difference	Avonwood	National	Difference
Reading	90%	68%	+22%	48%		
Writing	73%	58%	+15%	12%		
Maths	85%	69%	+16%	50%		
RWM	TBC%	54%	+TBC%	7%		



# Year 4 – MTC Test

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Score	21+	22+	23+	24+	25
Avonwood	82%	81%	75%	68%	54%
National (2023)					29%
Difference					+25%

25% above National Average  
for full marks!





# Year 6 SATS

	Expected+			Greater Depth		
	Avonwood	National (2023)	Difference	Avonwood	National	Difference
Reading	90%	74%	+16%	39%		
Writing	90%	72%	+17%	16%		
Maths	86%	72%	+14%	37%		
Science	93%	81%	+12%			
SPAG	86%	72%	+14%	46%		
RWM	82%	61%	+21%	10%		



# ... to infinity and beyond!

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- Strong attendance figures last year - Top 10% of schools nationally.
- 80% of EYFS children hit GLD, national average 67%
- 97% of children in Year 1 passed their screening test, national average 75% (2022).
- 54% hit full marks on the Timetables test, 25% above national average.
- Biggest grammar feeder school in BCP.



# Curriculum & Key Dates

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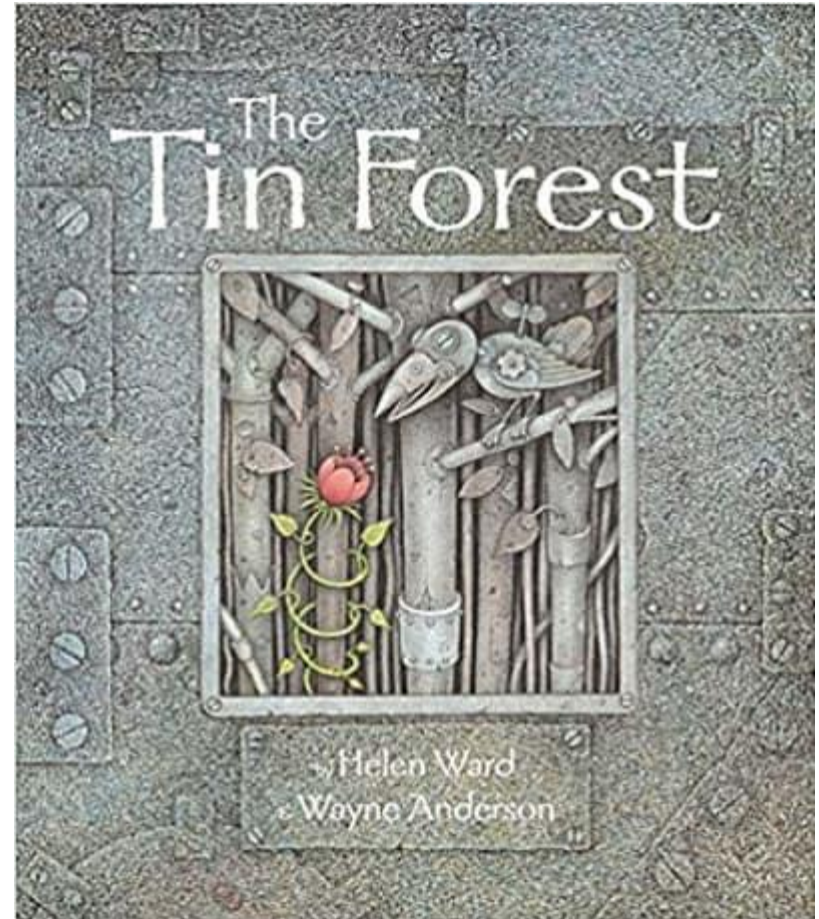
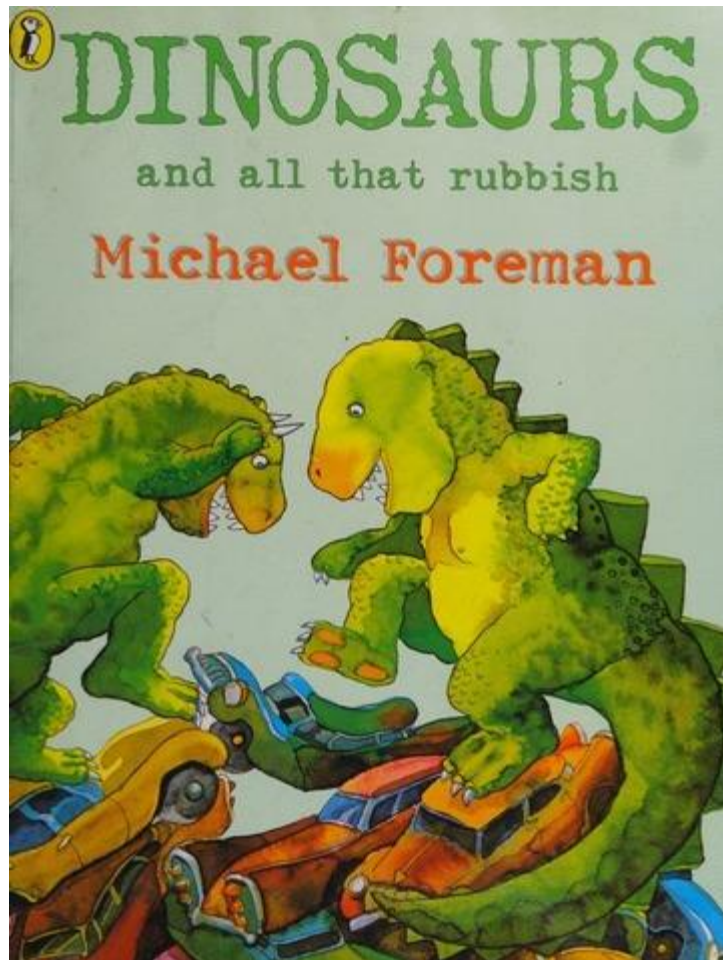


# Curriculum overview

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- **Science: Plant Growth – Biology:** What is a seed?, Germination, Bulbs and growth, Fruit and Vegetables
- **Geography: Mini Mappers:** Compass directions, Using scale, Using scale to map a route, Drawing a route, Using map symbols and keys, Introducing fieldwork
- **Art & design: Our School:** Photography, Mono printing, What is an Architect?, Texture hunters, Making a printing plate, Press printing
- **P.E. – Monday and Wednesday:** Multiskills – ball skills, gymnastics
- **PSHE: Being Me in my World:** Hopes and Fears for the Year • Rights and Responsibilities • Rewards and Consequences • Our Learning Charter • Owning our Learning Charter
- **R.E: Where is religion in our local community?**

# Key texts





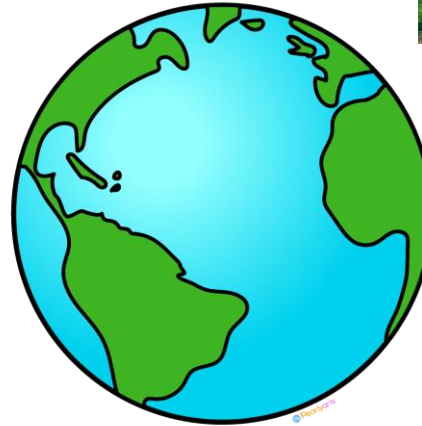
# Trips and Visits for this half term

## Trips:

- King's Park Mini Mappers Trip

## Visitors/visits/dress-up days:

- Earth Charter Day



# Key dates

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**Please put these dates in your diary:**

- Key date 1: Yoghurt Pots– **by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**
- Key date 2: Eco Councillors and School Councillors Application Posters – **by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September**
- Key date 3: Earth Charter Day – **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**
- Key date 4: King’s Park Geography Visit – **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**
- Key date 5: Year 2 Nativity – **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

# Timetable & Routines

Autumn Term briefing, 2024





# Year 2 at a glance

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Morning drop off:

- Doors open at 08:40 → 'early work'
- Doors close at 09:00 → registration

End of the day pick up:

- Doors open at 15:05

PE days:

- Monday
- Wednesday

Homework (same cycle across the school):

- Issued on Friday
- Due the next Thursday

# Weekly Timetable

Day / Time	08:40 - 09:00	Session 1 09:00-9:45	Session 2 9:45-10:30	Break 10:30-10:45	Session 3 10:45 -12:00	Lunch 12:00-13:00	Session 4 13:00 - 13:15	Afternoon Learning 13:15 - 15:00	E.O.D 15:00-15:05	
Monday	Morning independent task	Phonics Whole Class Reading	English	<b>BREAK</b>	Maths Counting stick	<b>LUNCH</b>	DEAR	PPA - Science	PPA - PE	14:30 SLT assembly
Tuesday	Morning independent task	Phonics Whole Class Reading	English		Maths Counting stick		DEAR	Computing	Mastering Number	Oracy
Wednesday	Morning independent task	Phonics Whole Class Reading	English		Maths Counting stick		DEAR	Handwriting RE	PE	Oracy
Thursday	Morning independent task	Phonics Whole Class Reading	English		Maths Counting stick		DEAR	Handwriting Geography	Music 14:30 Singing assembly	Oracy
Friday	Morning independent task	Phonics Whole Class Reading	English		Maths Counting stick		First Chapter Friday	PSHE	Art	14:30 Golden assembly



# Home Learning Expectations

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# Reading every day: the power of 1:1 reading

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The expectation is that every child reads at home (or is read to by an adult) every day.

Where it is such a key life skill, we feel this sits at the very top of our home learning priorities.

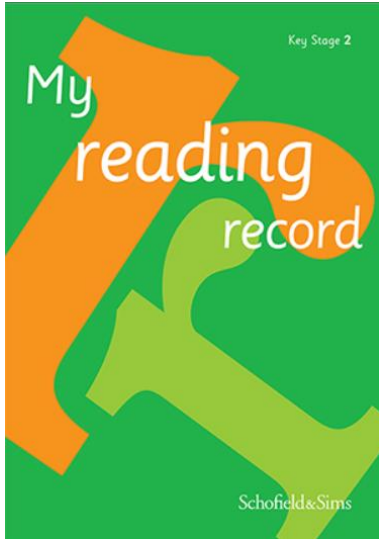


*Please do have a look on the reading section of our website as there is a range of information on how best to support your child with reading:*

→ [Early Reading | Subjects | Curriculum | Avonwood Primary School](#)

# Reading

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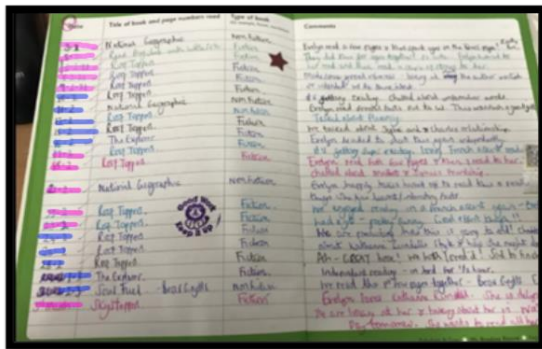


- Record reading (including genre) (ideally daily)
- Read with expression and pay attention to the punctuation used
- Ideas for questions and activities to use when reading with your child
- Teachers will stamp reading records every Thursday but may also check these throughout the week



# Reading 'High 5'

- Bring your reading record in every day.
- An adult will check these weekly.
- Once you have read five times (this does not have to be in the same week and weekends can be included) an adult will tick the 'High 5' reading chart and you will be given a pom pom for our class jar!
- When the jar is full of pom poms, our class will get time to celebrate our success together with a reading raffle activity!





# Recommended Reads

## Recommended Reads for Year

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### Billy the Beast by Nadia Shireen

While out on a lovely walk in the woods, Billy and her trusty sidekick **Caracal** hear a terrible rumble... a terrible rumble coming from a Terrible Beast!

He's making a Terrible Soup out of all of Billy and **Caracal's** friends! Luckily, our brave heroine Billy has a trick or two up her sleeve (or in her **hair**...)



### Funny Bums, Freaky Beaks and Other Extraordinary Creatures by Alex Moss and Sean Taylor

These creatures have strange features – but they all serve a very useful purpose. Everybody and everything is strange and wonderful in its own way – difference should be celebrated!



### A First Poetry Book by Pie Corbett

A topic based collection of poems created for KS1 pupils. It features poems about mermaids, monsters, mythical creatures, feelings and more.



### The Worst Witch by Jill Murphy

Mildred Hubble is a trainee witch at Miss Cackle's Academy, and she's making an awful mess of it. She's always getting her spells **wrong** and she can't even ride a broomstick without crashing it. Will she ever make a real witch?



### Gregory Cool by Caroline Binch

When Gregory wakes up on his first day in Tobago with his grandparents, his heart sinks. The food is strange, the sun too hot, his cousin Lennox is on another wave length and there are none of the televisions, video games and other high-tech gadgets that a cool city-boy takes for granted.



### The Pirates Next Door Jolley-Rogers by Johnny Cuddle

A **pirate family**, are moving to Dull-on-Sea, a quiet seaside town. Stopping to fix up their ship, this unusual family get the whole neighbourhood spreading rumours. Defying the grown-ups, Matilda from next door decides to become friends with the youngest pirate son.



### Dr Xargle's Book of Earthlings by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross

Dr **Xargle** instructs his class of aliens on the appearance and habits of "Earthlings" (human babies) before embarking on a field trip to Earth. Bath-time, feeding, and changing nappies are all given a new slant by this alien guide to human behaviour.



### The Troll by Julia Donaldson

The Troll longs for a goat - but **has to** make do with fish for supper instead. Meanwhile, Hank Chief and his pirate crew are digging for treasure - but it seems they've sailed to the wrong island. Again.



### Mr Majoika by Humphrey Carpenter

Mr **Majoika** can behave just like any ordinary teacher if he wants to, but something has to be done about Hamish **Buggero**, the class nuisance, and so he uses a little magic to turn him into a frog. And to everyone's delight it looks as if Hamish will have to remain a frog because Mr **Majoika** can't remember the spell to turn him back again! With Mr **Majoika** in charge, suddenly life at school become much more exciting – there's even a **magic-carpet** ride to Buckingham Palace!



### The Elephant by Peter Carnawa

A big grey elephant is following Olive's father around. It leaves with him for work and trails behind him when he comes home, keeping him heavy and sad. Every day, Olive wishes it would disappear. When she is asked to bring something old and wonderful to show her class, Olive immediately wants to bring her old bike - but she will need her father's help to fix it. Teaming up with her cheery grandad and best friend Arthur, she sets out to chase the elephant away.



## Additional Challenge Reads for Year 2



### The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt

Poor Duncan just wants to colour in. But when he opens his box of crayons, he only finds letters, all saying the same thing: 'We quit! Beige is tired of playing second fiddle to Brown, Blue needs a break from colouring in all that water, while Pink just wants to be used. Green has no complaints, but Orange and Yellow are no longer speaking to each other. The battle lines have been drawn. What is Duncan to do?'



### Pip and Egg by Alex Latimer

Pip is a seed from a glorious tree, and Egg is a bird's egg from a nearby nest. When Pip and Egg first meet, they are almost the same size and shape - like two peas in a pod. But as their friendship grows, so do they - for Pip this means growing roots, but for Egg? Well, Egg grows wings, and she can't wait to use them. Though Pip wishes he can follow Egg on her adventures, his roots are strong. **So** he watches his friend fly away. But true friends always find their way back to one another, and there are no truer friends than Pip and Egg.



### Greta and Giants by Zoe Tucker

Greta is a little girl who lives in a beautiful forest threatened by Giants. When the Giants first came to the forest, they chopped down trees to make houses. Then they chopped down more trees and made even bigger homes. The houses grew into towns and the towns grew into cities, until now there is hardly any forest left. Greta knows she **has to** help the animals who live in the forest, but how? Luckily, Greta has an idea...



### The Boy in the Jam Jar by Joyce Dunbar

Dylan can't hear as well as he used to be able to and he doesn't want to be different from his friends - he wants things to go back to the way they used to be. As his hearing gets worse, he becomes more and more isolated from his friends. Luckily his dog Pluto is there to keep him down to earth...



### The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me by Roald Dahl

Meet Billy. A kid with a dream. He wants to turn an old wooden house into an incredible sweetshop full of treats! And meet the **loopy** window cleaning company - Monkey, Pelican (Pelly) and Giraffe (who needs ladders when you've got a giraffe?!). They have just landed a big break cleaning all six hundred and seventy-seven windows of the mansion owned by the richest man in all of England! All they need now is a little help from Billy.



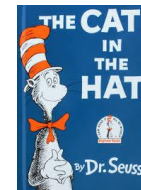
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- Enthusiasm
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# Recommended Reads: prizes

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- ⇒ Bronze certificate: Three Recommended Reads → bookmark
- ⇒ Silver certificate: Six Recommended Reads → book badge
- ⇒ Gold certificate: Ten Recommended Reads → one free book of choice
- ⇒ Diamond certificate: Fifteen Recommended Reads → £5 book voucher





# Home Learning: activities in addition to reading

- Cycle: issued Friday, due Thursday
- Focus: consolidation and fluency
- Home-learning policy on school website
- Website: Parents → Homework → Year group

Activity	Expectation
Daily Reading	5x 10min sessions a week
Doodle Maths	3x 10min sessions a week
Spellings <b>[Year 2 only: from the Spring Term onwards]</b>	Around 10 minutes a week via Spelling Shed
'Times Tables Rockstars' <b>[Year 2 only: from the Spring Term onwards]</b>	3x 10min sessions a week

# Home Learning: activities in addition to reading

**‘Reach for the Stars’ – optional enrichment activities to enjoy with your child:**

⇒ Challenge 1: To celebrate National Poetry Week (3rd October 2024), find a poem to read out to the class or even write your own!

⇒ Challenge 2: Find a picture from a book and write some expanded noun phrases to describe it. Remember they need a determiner (a, three, some, a few, the) an adjective and a noun.

⇒ Challenge 3: As we have been learning about plants in science, try planting your own seeds and look after them to watch them grow.

⇒ Challenge 4: Maths addition to 100 problem

⇒ Challenge 5: Maths flexible partitioning problem

Maths Mastery Addition and Subtraction Challenge Cards - Make 100!

3. Can you fill in the missing numbers so that each row and column make a total of 100?

	50	20
10		40

Maths Mastery Addition and Subtraction Challenge Cards - Making Numbers

The number 36 can be split in many different ways:

36	36	36
30 6	18 18	20 16

6. How many different ways can you make the number 36?

# How you can help...

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- Read **every day** with your child.
- Assist with homework if necessary (refer to our policies online).
- Help them to establish a routine and develop ownership of this as the year goes on – e.g. homework first then TV/gaming as a reward. Encourage independence.
- Routine – time management, relaxation etc.



# Polite Annual Reminders

Updates for September 2024



# Pick Up and Drop Off

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- Punctual
- Walking side by side
- Walk to School Agreements – Years 5 & 6 only



# Ongoing Communication

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- Always refer to our official website
- If in doubt, please talk to us!
- Instagram feeds **@avonwood.year.2**
- If you would like to contact your class teacher or year leader, please email the office and they will forward on.

[office@avonwoodprimaryschool.org.uk](mailto:office@avonwoodprimaryschool.org.uk)



# Smart Uniform Expectations

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- Hair Styles
- Nails & Piercings
- Jewellery
- PE Tops & Caps
- Sensible Coat
- PE Shorts



- Note: Second Hand Uniform Shop

# Lunches & snacks

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- Healthy snacks (fruit/vegetables)
- KS1 snacks provided.
- Lunches must be booked online in advance.
- Nut Free School
- Water bottle





# E-Safety Advice

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- Make sure home broadband is filtered
- Make sure parental settings activated on any mobile device
- Take care with exposure to computer games / YouTubers
- Chat function within games
- WhatsApp
- Parent to Parent Responsibility



# Smart Mobile Phones

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- Smart Mobile Phones are prohibited on site.
- Exceptional circumstances form available.
- Parent support on this matter is hugely appreciated.



# Avonwood PTA Team

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- PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) – 21<sup>st</sup> October (Outback Barrel Room in Southbourne)
- Ideally one rep from every class
- Special events rely on community support & help
- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Fireworks event (help needed)

# Any questions?

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