

Benhurst Primary School



**A Guide to Year 2
September 2022**

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Introduction

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Class	Teacher	Additional Adult/s
Squirrel	Miss Britton (Year Group Leader)	Mrs Newman Mrs Bush Miss McCarthy
Rabbit	Mrs O'Sullivan (Monday - Wednesday) Mrs Willis (Wednesday - Friday) Mrs Garratty (After Christmas)	

Open door policy

We operate an open door policy regarding your child's wellbeing where you can speak to us about anything you think we should be aware of. Please be aware that we have more time to discuss issues at the end of the day than at the beginning. Should you have any immediate concerns or information regarding your child during that day please feel free to mention it as they enter. Alternatively, if you require a more in-depth discussion, you will need to make an appointment to speak with the Class Teacher through the office, we can arrange for a meeting or a phone call at a convenient time.

If your child needs to leave school during the day for an appointment or be collected by a different adult, please ensure that the office is informed so that all members of staff are aware of any changes. Should you arrive to school late in the morning, your child must enter via the school office as they need to register their attendance as well as select their lunch option. If you are going to be late collecting your child at the end of the school day, please email or phone the office, as soon as possible, to ensure the message reaches us by the end of the day. If you are unable to collect your child and you are asking another trusted adult to collect them, please let the class teacher or the office know in advance. We can not release children at the end of the day without parental permission.

We hope that your child will enjoy their time in Year 2.



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General Year 2 Information



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The School Day

8:50 - 9:00	Arrive at school/registration
9:00 - 10:30	Lessons
10:30 - 10:45	Break time
10:45 - 11:45	Lessons
11:45 - 12:45	Lunch time
12:45 - 2:15	Lessons
2:15 - 2:25	Afternoon break
2:25 - 3:30	Lessons
3:30	Home time

Curriculum

The Year 2 curriculum overview can be found on our school website:

<https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/year-2-curriculum/>

School trips/residentials

Science Museum - 11th October 2022

Elm Park Library - dates to follow

Local Allotments - dates to follow

Havering Islamic Cultural Centre - dates to follow

Southend Sealife Centre - dates to follow

PE

- PE kits should be in school at all times and can be taken home during the holiday period for washing.
- Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled.
- The children will be participating in outdoor and indoor PE throughout the year. For outdoor PE a black tracksuit will be required. Trainers are optional.
- Children need to have hair tied up for PE lessons for health and safety when using the equipment.
- Children are not allowed to wear their tights during PE lessons. Instead, socks need to be worn.
- Any earrings need to be removed before school. Children will not be able to participate in lessons if they are wearing earrings.
- Children can have water bottles in class and for PE lessons. These can be purchased from the school office.
- PE days may change for trips/special days/etc. We will let the children know in advance if this is likely to occur

	<u>Indoor P.E.</u>	<u>Outdoor P.E.</u>
<u>Squirrel</u>	Monday	Thursday
<u>Rabbit</u>	Tuesday	Friday

Homework

The Year 2 home learning information can be found on Google Classroom.

<https://classroom.google.com/u/0/c/NTQ1NTI1NDE5NDc0>

Maths

- **Mathletics** - Children will be set at least 1 Maths activity per week linked to their Maths Learning in class. The children have their own unique logins. <https://www.mathletics.com/uk/>. This will be set each Wednesday and will be due the following Wednesday.
- **Times Tables Rockstars** - Children should practise their multiplication and division facts by using their Times Tables Rockstars account 5 times a week. This is a fantastic resource that will help the children to build their confidence and speed in recalling these facts. The children have their own unique logins. <https://ttrockstars.com/>

English

- **Spellings** - New spellings are given to the children each Wednesday. These can be found on the Year 2 Google Classroom. There is a list of spellings which children are expected to be able to spell correctly by the end of Year 2. They are all incorporated into the weekly spellings and are revisited throughout the year. Your child will practise spellings at school but they also need to practise them at home.

You will be informed of your child's spellings test results through their spelling test book. The book will be given to your child on Thursday to take home. The book then needs to be returned the following day as they will need to use it in school in preparation for their next test..

- **Reading** - We ask that the children read as often as possible with an adult at home (at least four times a week). Reading books are changed in school every Tuesday, as long as each book has been read four times - this should be evidenced in your child's reading record with the date, a comment and signature. Please encourage your child to read a wide range of texts (both fiction and non-fiction) as this will greatly help them to learn new or challenging vocabulary.

Project Homework

- Optional project homework will be set each half term via Google Classroom. There will be 3 writing, 3 research and 3 creative projects linked to the children's current topic. The projects are a wonderful opportunity for families to work together and enjoy some shared learning! This homework will be due at the end of each half term, celebrated in school and a certificate will be issued on completion.

	<u>Given Out</u>	<u>Due Back In</u>
<u>Mathletics</u>	Wednesday	Wednesday
<u>Times Table Rockstars</u>	A computer Times Table program to use at home. The children are encouraged to use it as much as possible to practise.	
<u>Changing Your Reading Books</u>	Reading book and home reading record to go home each day and be returned every morning.	Home reading records are checked every Tuesday for changing books. To change a book, your child will need to have read four times at home and for this to have been completed in the home reading record.
<u>Reading High Flyers</u>	Reading book and planner to go home each day and be returned every morning.	This runs from Tuesday to Tuesday. Home reading records are checked on a Tuesday for four signatures.
<u>Spelling</u>	New spellings on Google Classroom each Wednesday	Tested on a Wednesday

Assessments

At Benhurst, we assess children as part of our daily teaching through general observations of their learning and ongoing discussions. These daily interactions with your child are used to inform our planning and to develop your child's learning.

In year 2, we will be assessing the children's phonics through the Phonics Screening Check. Cancellation of the phonics screening check in June 2021 means incoming year 2 pupils did not take the check in year 1. In the 2021 to 2022 academic year, it is statutory for schools to administer a past version of the phonics screening check to year 2 pupils during the second half of the 2021 autumn term and return results to their local authority. The exact date of the Phonics Screening Check is to follow. If you would like any more information please click this link which will take you to the guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-administering-the-phonics-screening-check-to-year-2-pupils/administering-the-phonics-screening-check-to-year-2-pupils-in-the-2021-autumn-term>

The children will also be assessed through the end of Key Stage 1 SATs. The children will sit three tests: reading; maths; grammar, punctuation and spelling. The results from these tests will be used, along side class-based teacher assessment, to support the children as they enter Key Stage 2. The exact date of the year 2 SATs is to follow; however, we know it will be during the Summer Term. There will also be a SATs meeting for parents to attend in the Spring Term, the date of this is also to follow.

Useful Websites

Benhurst website - <https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/>

Year 2 curriculum - <https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/year-2-curriculum/>

Year 2 homework - <https://classroom.google.com/u/0/c/NTQ1NTI1NDE5NDc0>

Mathletics - <https://login.mathletics.com/>

Times Tables Rockstars - <https://trockstars.com/>

Phonics play - <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources>

SQUID - <https://portal.squidcard.com/LoginPortal/>

Additional information

Please ensure that drink bottles are the plain bottles purchased from the school office.



Benhurst Primary School Gaming and Social Media

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In recent years, we have seen an increase in the number of children using social media and computer games aimed at a mainly teenage audience. This can cause issues at home and school and it is important that parents are aware of what their child is using and monitors it very closely.

For example, we know of children as young as 7 who have access to Fortnite, Call of Duty and GTA. To illustrate our concern, GTA is a game based on gang violence using knives and guns, stealing, nudity, extremely coarse language, alcohol abuse, stealing and selling illegal drugs, prostitution and breaking and entering. As parents, we would ask you to consider the boundaries you set for your children. For those who believe such games appropriate for their child at a primary age, I would ask if you would be comfortable allowing your child to see any of these situations in real life? Of course the answer is no, so why allow them to see and hear these things on a computer?

Some studies have shown a direct link between children playing violent games and them behaving aggressively. It is becoming increasingly notable from the way children speak and play if they are exposed to such games and is a growing concern within our school.

More information on this subject can be found at www.askaboutgames.com/age-rating-info/

Below is a guide to some popular social media platforms that you may find useful.



Instagram (age 13+) lets users snap, edit, and share photos and 15-second videos, either publicly or with a private network of followers. It also lets you apply fun filters and effects to your photos, making them look high quality and artistic.

What parents need to know:

- Children are on the lookout for "likes." Children may measure the "success" of their photos - even their self-worth (worryingly) by the number of likes or comments they receive.
- Public photos are the default. Photos and videos shared on Instagram are public unless privacy settings are adjusted.
- Private messaging is now an option. Instagram Direct allows users to send "private messages" to up to 15 mutual friends. These pictures don't show up on their public feeds.



Snapchat (age 13+) is a messaging app that lets users put a time limit on the pictures and videos they send before they disappear. Many young people use the app to share silly or embarrassing photos without the risk of them going public. However, there are lots of opportunities to use it in other ways.

What parents need to know:

- It's a myth that Snapchats go away forever. Whenever an image is sent, it remains part of their digital footprint.
- It can make sending inappropriate images/messages seem OK. The seemingly risk-free messaging may actually encourage users to share pictures which they know they shouldn't.



Oovoo (age 13+) is a free video, voice and messaging app. Users can have group chats with up to 12 people.

What parents need to know:

- The default setting is public so you can talk to people you don't know, but they can be changed so that you can just talk to your friends
- The main safety issues are around the content of discussion and the ability to talk with strangers



WhatsApp (age 16+) users send text messages, audio messages, videos, and photos to one or many people with no message limits or fees.

What parents need to know:

- It can be pushy. After you sign up, it automatically connects you to all the people in your address book who also are using WhatsApp. It encourages you to add friends who haven't signed up yet.



Skype (age 13+) is a computer programme and app, which lets you make audio and video calls to other users around the world. You can also send instant messages.

What parents need to know:

- It can be difficult to adjust the privacy settings
- It's difficult to work out how to report or block
- Information on keeping safe online isn't prominent on the site.

General Social Media Age Guide



Reporting a Concern

To report a concern about online grooming or sexual behaviour online, contact CEOP: www.ceop.police.uk

Thank you in advance for your support and for keeping our children safe.



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Useful Contact Information

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Name	Contact information
School phone number	01708 450807
School contact email (all email enquiries)	office@benhurst.havering.sch.uk
School website - Main Page	www.benhurst.havering.sch.uk
School Clubs and Sports list	https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/parents/clubs-and-sports
Reporting a child's absence online	https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/parents/reporting-an-absence
School Calendar	https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/calendar/calendar
sQuid	https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/parents/squid
Lunch Menu	https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/parents/school-dinners
ABACUS	https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/parents/abacus
SMART Lumio	https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/children/extended-learning
School Twitter	@BenhurstPrimary