



Tudor Grange Primary Academy

Meon Vale

Year 2 2021

'Birch Class'



A Warm Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Tudor Grange Primary Academy Meon Vale Year 2 'Birch Class'. For those children returning to us from 'Willows', our Year 1 Class, welcome back; I am very excited to be your teacher this year and am looking forward to everything that we will learn together during this academic year.

In Year 2, we will build upon and develop the skills and knowledge the children have learnt in Year 1. We will continue to encourage the children to develop their independence and a positive attitude to their learning and will work together to help the children achieve their highest potential by developing and nurturing their learning, well-being and all areas of their development.

This booklet has been written to help your child know a little about the learning that will occur in Year 2. I hope that it will provide some of the answers to the questions that you may have. However, if at any time you have a concern then please do not hesitate to contact me directly on my email lhogson@meonvale.tgacademy.org.uk

I am really looking forward to your child starting in Year 2 and am confident that as we continue to work together, we will equip the children to succeed and reach their full potential.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hodges

Year 2 Class Teacher



Our School Team

Principal – Mrs. Jodie Bolter

Principal's PA – Miss. Andrea Green

Seedlings (Nursery Class)

Class Teacher – Miss. Sarah Harris

Play worker – Miss. Vanessa Strachan

Play worker – Miss Emma Smith

Little Oaks (Reception Class)

Class Teacher – Miss. Vicki Wood

E.Y. Lead/Class Teacher – Mrs. Claire Cotton

Teaching Assistant – Miss. Jessica Watkins

Willows (Year 1)

Class Teacher – Miss. Jessica Middleton

Teaching Assistant – Mrs. Miranda Borrroughs

Birch (Year 2)

Class Teacher – Miss. Laura Hodges

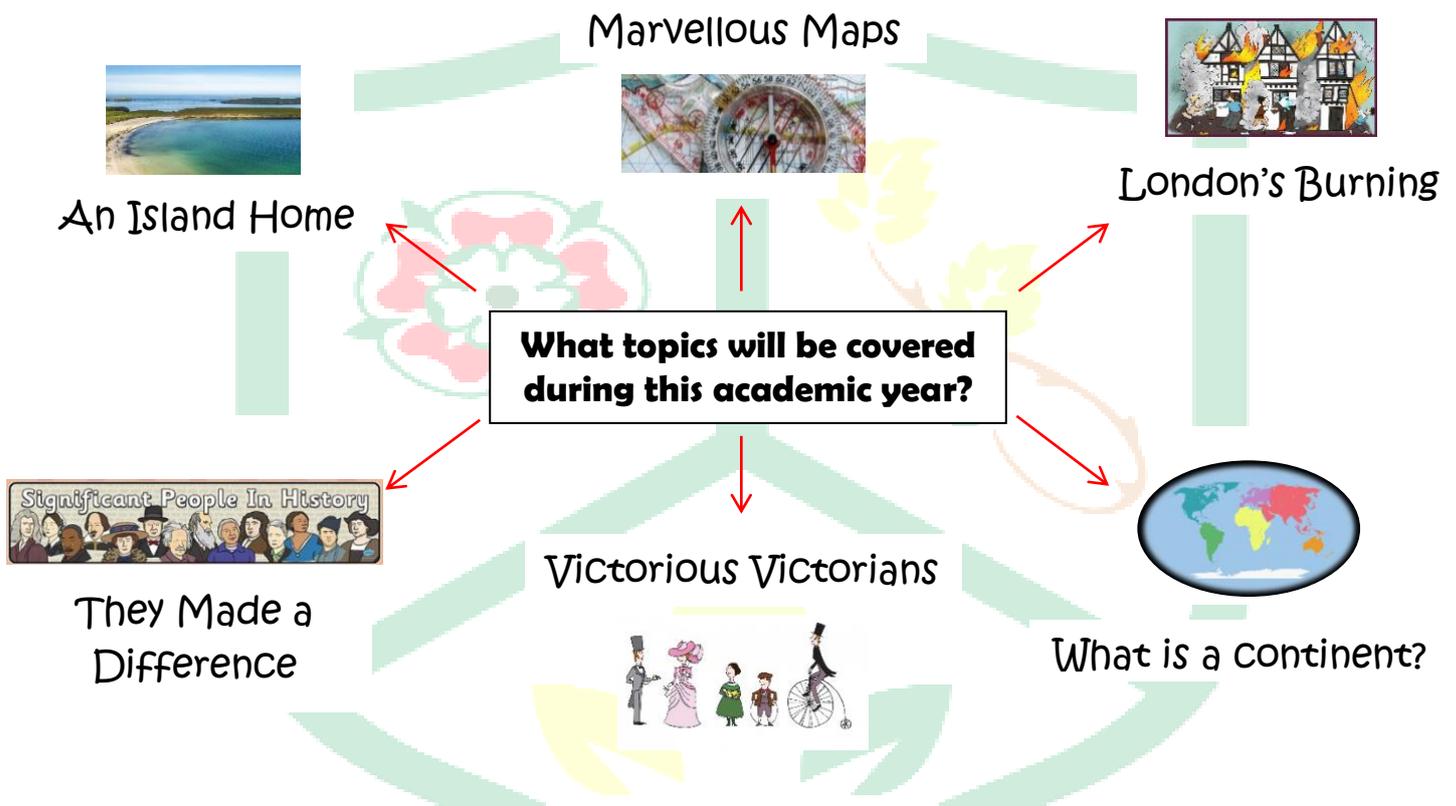
Teaching Assistant – Miss. Lucy Ogier



The Learning Environment

The Year 2 learning environment and curriculum will enable all children to have access to a wide range of high-quality experiences and resources that will challenge and extend their learning, whilst enhancing all areas of the National Curriculum.

The Creative Curriculum



Working in Partnership with Parents

At TGPA Meon Vale we aim to develop an honest and friendly relationship that will encourage, recognise and support home and school as part of your child's everyday experience. The key to any successful partnership is effective communication between yourselves and the school. We believe that by the parents and the school working together, this support will enable your child to enjoy coming to school and this in turn will aid your child in their learning development.

If at any time you have any concerns or issues, then please talk them through with Miss Hodges. Please be mindful of the fact that it is often difficult for a teacher to talk at the beginning of the morning session, or when they have a roomful of children who are in need of the teacher's attention. We recommend that you arrange an appointment at the end of the school day.

The School Routines



If your child is being collected by a relative, family friend or is going for a playdate, please can you confirm this in writing. Can you also please ensure that you are on time to collect your child, as it can be upsetting for them if they feel that they have been 'left behind'.

The normal school day starts at 8:45am. Children arrive and come in through the gates from 8:30am onwards and they wait on the playground. This is the place where, at break times and lunchtimes, the children can play with their friends and the outdoor equipment. There will always be a member of the leadership team on the school gate to greet them and the class teachers will be on the playground.

The school day ends at 3:00pm. When you come to collect your child at the end of the day, please stand on the infant playground in a place where your child will be able to see you. Miss Hodges will bring the class out and they will form a line on the ramp outside the school building. The children will be given clear instructions that they must raise their hand when they see their parent. Once we have seen you, your child will be dismissed. If the teacher has any concerns or things about the school day that they wish to discuss this is when they will communicate with you.

Temporarily, while distancing measures are still in place, the Year 2 school day will start at 8.30am and end at 2.30pm.

The Class Timetable

In Year 2, Phonics, English and Mathematics will be taught daily and your child will bring home reading books, spellings and homework after the first few weeks of term. The children will be taught a rich and creative curriculum through a variety of lessons, which will support all areas of the curriculum.

The children will take part in a PE lesson once a week, which will take place in the school hall or on the playground.

There are many opportunities offered to the children to support and enhance our Creative Curriculum throughout the academic year, such as educational visits and extra-curricular activities.

School Uniform



PLEASE ENSURE ALL COATS, SHOES AND ALL ITEMS OF SCHOOL UNIFORM INCLUDING P.E. KIT ARE NAMED.



GIRLS

Winter uniform:

- Bottle green blazer
- White polo shirt with school logo
- Grey school pinafores/skirts
- Grey tights
- Black shoes

Summer uniform

- Green striped dress
- White socks
- Black shoes (no sandals)



BOYS

Winter uniform:

- Bottle green blazer
- White polo shirt with school logo
- Grey school trousers
- Grey socks
- Black shoes

Summer uniform:

- White polo shirt
- Grey shorts
- Grey socks
- Black shoes (no sandals)



Black shoes – should be lace-up, buckle or velcro shoes with low heels (no open toe shoes, trainers or boots in school). Please bear in mind when buying shoes your child will have to change them during the school day so it is a good idea to practise prior to starting school if they have a more difficult fastening.

Ensure your child has a coat that matches the weather. In winter it is vital that they bring a waterproof coat with a hood which they are able to fasten themselves.

In summer they must bring a sun hat and have sun cream applied before school.

Jewellery should not be worn because of the risk associated with accidents. Girls may wear tiny ear studs provided they are able to remove them or tape over them for P.E. Long hair should always be tied back as appropriate.



P.E. KIT

- **A named drawstring green shoe bag or school logo backpack.**
- **Black slip-on pumps**
- **Green t-shirt**
- **Black shorts**

Uniform containing the school logo is available to purchase online from:

Snacks and School Lunches ^{1/}



Before going out for morning play the children are offered a free fruit or vegetable snack as part of the funded 'School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme'. This provides 1 of their 5 a day portions and supports the healthy living work studied in class. Our snack times are sociable times and encourage the children to share, take turns, demonstrate their great manners and take part in circle time discussions.

The children and staff all enjoy lunch together currently in the classroom, but eventually this will take place in our new school dining area. Your child may opt for one of the freshly made, home cooked school dinners. You choose from a selection of three meals per day in advance so you can ensure your child has something you know they will enjoy, otherwise they can bring their own healthy packed lunch. The food provided in school is healthy, high quality and meets the nutritional needs for a range of dietary requirements.

What your child needs to bring to school

- A suitable waterproof coat with a hood.
- A named water bottle for the classroom. Please only send still drinking water, no squash, sparkling water, juice or fizzy drinks are allowed. Please do not put your child's drink in their book bag.
- School logo rucksack containing sports kit – as listed previously. The bag will be sent home at the end of each half term to be washed and returned the following term. During term time these will remain on your child's peg.
- Named wellingtons.
- Book bag – your child must bring this daily. They will bring home all of their letters and homework in it. Please note, reading books and diaries must remain in the book bag and be brought into school each day.
- Lunch box – If your child is bringing a packed lunch then this goes underneath

First day of school

- Arrive on time at the front door into school, but not too early.
- Leave cheerfully and we will let you know how their day has gone at home time.

Curriculum Topics for the Autumn Term





ENGLISH

- 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt
- Poetry



SCIENCE

- Living Things and their Habitats
- Animals, including Humans

RE

- What/who is God?

COMPUTING

- Digital Literacy
- Key Computing Skills
- Computer Programming (ScratchJr app)

PSHE – Jigsaw

- Being Me in My World
- Celebrating Difference

ART and DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

- Drawing Skills (focusing on the art of Arcimboldo and Kandinsky)
- Puppets

MATHEMATICS

- Number: Place Value
- Number: Addition and Subtraction
- Money
- Multiplication and Division

HISTORY

- Victorious Victorians

GEOGRAPHY

- Marvellous Maps

PE

- Fundamental Movement skills
- Gymnastics

MUSIC – Charanga

- Carnival of the Animals

Finally...

We hope that this booklet has answered some of the questions you may have about your child going into Year 2. Children's education is a partnership between the teachers and the parents/carers. We value your support, as we hope that you will value our hard work and professional judgements.

We look forward to you and your child continuing or becoming part of our thriving

