End of Year Expectations

YEAR TWO

Reading

Year 2 end of year expectations:

By the end of Year 2, children should be able to:

Word Reading

- Read most words quickly and accurately
- Decode unfamiliar words using phonics knowledge
- Read common exception words automatically
- Read with expression and increasing fluency

Comprehension

- Discuss favourite books and authors
- Retrieve information from a text
- Answer questions about characters, setting and events
- Make predictions based on what has happened
- Explain the meaning of unfamiliar words in context
- Make simple inferences about feelings and motives

What this looks like

- "The character was brave because he helped his friend."
- "The story is set in a forest."
- Explains why a character might feel sad

By the end of Year 2, children are moving from learning to read towards reading to learn.

What can parents do at home to support?

-Encourage daily independent reading
-Ask "why" and "how" questions
-Talk about characters' feelings
-Share a range of books and texts

Writing

Year 2 end of year expectations:

Grammar – What children should know and use

Children should be able to:

- Write expanded noun phrases
- Use different sentence types (statement, question, command, exclamation)
- Use conjunctions: and, or, so, but, because, when, if, then
- Use present and past tense consistently
- Use the progressive form (e.g. *was running*)
- Use possessive apostrophes (singular)

Secure examples

- *The enormous dragon flew over the dark forest.*
- *I went home because I was tired.*
- *The dog's tail was wagging.*
- *She was singing loudly.*

Punctuation – What is expected

Children should:

- Use capital letters and full stops accurately
- Use question marks and exclamation marks correctly
- Use commas in lists
- Use apostrophes for singular possession
- Begin to use apostrophes for contractions

Secure examples

- *I bought apples, bananas and oranges.*
- *It's raining today.*
- *Sam's coat is blue.*

What can parents do at home to support?

-Encourage writing for real purposes
-Help check punctuation together
-Practise spellings little and often
-Talk about improving sentences

Maths

Year 2 end of year expectations:

Number

Children should be able to:

- Read and write numbers to 100
- Understand place value of two-digit numbers
- Add and subtract numbers within 100 using written methods
- Recall and use 2, 5 and 10 times tables
- Use multiplication and division facts
- Recognise and find ½, ⅓, ¼, ¾

Examples

- 47 + 32 = 79
- 64 − 28 = 36
- 5 × 4 = 20
- 20 ÷ 5 = 4
- ¾ of 12 = 9

Measurement

Children should be able to:

- Measure length (cm, m), mass (g, kg), capacity (ml, l)
- Tell time to 5-minute intervals
- Use money (£ and p) and solve simple problems
- Compare temperature

Examples

- 1 m = 100 cm
- 🕓 4:25
- £1 − 35p = 65p

Shape (Geometry)

Children should be able to:

- Identify properties of 2D and 3D shapes (sides, vertices, faces)
- Recognise lines of symmetry
- Describe position and movement

What can parents do at home to support?

-Practise times tables using songs or games
-Share food to explore fractions
-Use clocks at home
-Encourage explaining answers