



2nd September 2025

Dear Parents,

I hope you that you are all well and that you had an enjoyable summer.

I would like to welcome you and your child to year two and I look forward to meeting you all in the coming weeks.

We have a really exciting term ahead with some interesting books and topics which I am sure your child will enjoy. The table below outlines some of the areas covered in the curriculum this term.

English	Wild – Emily Hughes
Maths	Place Value Addition & Subtraction
Science	Animals including Humans – why do we need to keep healthy?
History	Kings and Queens
Computing	Information technology around us. Digital Photography
Art & Design	Andy Goldsworthy
PE	Gymnastics Forest School

PE & Forest School Days

PE will be on Wednesdays starting next week. Please can your child come to school in their PE kit. The PE uniform is a red or white t-shirt; black, navy blue or grey tracksuit bottoms or leggings; a red school hoodie, jumper or cardigan and trainers.

Forest School will be on a Monday afternoon, when suitable clothing can be worn for the whole day. Please send your child in clothes that can get dirty and also protect legs and forearms from scratches and nettle stings.

Reading

We will be placing a large emphasis on reading this term to try and ensure that children are at least at the expected level by the end of the year. Please support this by listening to your child read and recording it in the reading diary (any reading can be recorded, not just school



books). We would ask that each child reads at least four times each week at home with an adult. We won't have set days for changing books – the onus will be on pupils to change their reading book when they need a new one.

I will be reading with your child over the next two weeks to gain a better understanding of their current reading level. When your child's reading level has been assessed, reading books and diaries will be sent home with them. Following this, we expect children to have their reading books and diaries in school with them every day.

The table, below, shows the end of year expectation for children in Foundation and Key Stage 1.

Colour	School / Year Group Expectation
Lime	End of Year 2
White	
Gold	
Purple	End of Year 1
Turquoise	
Orange	
Green	
Blue	End of Reception
Yellow	
Red	
Pink (dark)	
Pink (light)	

Homework

In Year Two, children will also be asked to have two 10-minute sessions at home on Numbots each week to develop their mental arithmetic skills and particularly their speed of recall (login details will be inside the front cover of their reading diary). There will also be a weekly writing sheet to consolidate the spellings we have been learning in school that week. Spelling and Numbots homework will begin on Friday, September 19th.



Timings

The children will be able to enter school from 8:45am. They will wait on the front playground until the bell rings at 8:55am. The school day ends for all children at 3:25pm.

Nut Free

Just a reminder that we require all snacks and packed lunches to be entirely nut free please.

If you have any concerns or queries, then please do catch me at the end of the school day or through the office email:

office@orston.notts.sch.uk

Many thanks,

Andy O'Brien