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*Galliard Primary
School*

*Year 2 Newsletter
Spring Term*

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Welcome back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to the spring term! We hope you and your families enjoyed a restful and happy festive break.

Spring is always a positive and busy time in school, full of learning, growth, and new opportunities for our pupils. We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead and to celebrating our pupils' achievements along the way.

We kindly ask that you continue to prioritise listening to your child read regularly at home. Reading is the foundation for all learning and plays a vital role across every area of the curriculum. Your ongoing support with this makes a significant difference to your child's confidence and progress.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We value our strong partnership with you and look forward to working together throughout the term.

With best wishes,

Miss M Begum

Assistant Headteacher
Year 1, 2 and 3 Head of Department



Meet the team

Assistant Headteacher

Miss Begum

Year 2

2A Miss Akinci

2Mc Ms McInerney, Ms Kennedy

2M Miss Monani, Ms Abdi

HLTA's

Mrs Altinok

Mrs Sarno

Mrs Chang

Rainbow Class

Mrs Prendagarst

Mrs Panayi



Year 2 Curriculum

Reading: Reading Programme: Vocabulary, Fluency & Comprehension based on a weekly core text

English: Fact Files, Narratives. Character Descriptions and Instruction texts based on 'Pippi the Penguin' by Catherine Veitch and 'Dinosaurs in the Supermarket' by Timothy Knapman

Maths: Multiplication, Division, Money and Fractions

Science: Animals including Humans

History: The significance of Ernest Shackleton

Geography: Similarities and differences between countries in the United Kingdom & Compass points, directional language, landmarks, human and physical features

Art: Self-portraits inspired by Pablo Picasso

D&T: Making a pizza

R.E: What does it mean to belong to a faith community?

Music: Pulse and Voice

PSHE: Living in the Wider World

Computing: Creating music digitally

P.E.: Games, Gymnastics & Dance

Talk Time: A weekly activity that encourages the children to discuss, explain, agree, disagree and question topical issues

TRIPS: TO BE CONFIRMED

Homework

- Weekly Maths homework will be uploaded on **MyMaths**
- **Reading:** Children will be provided with two scheme RWI books and one Reading Journey book weekly to read at home daily. It is important that children bring their scheme reading book to school **every day!**



Read, Read, Read



Start of Reception

End of Year 1 Spring 1
Year 1 Year 2

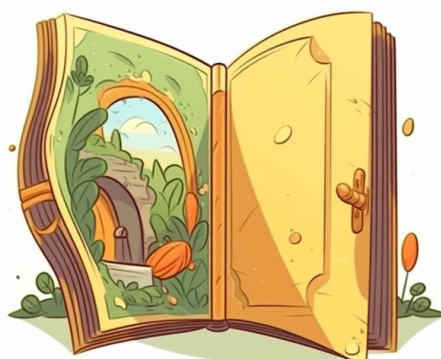
At Galliard, we believe that reading is the key to unlocking a world of imagination, knowledge, and confidence. Through stories, children can travel to new places, meet exciting characters, and learn new ideas. In Key Stage 1, we aim to nurture a love of reading by sharing books together every day, encouraging curiosity, and celebrating each child's progress. We know that strong reading skills not only support learning across all subjects but also help children to develop creativity and a lifelong enjoyment of books.

To give our pupils the very best start, we have committed to a strong phonics programme: **Read Write Inc (RWI)**. This structured approach helps children build the skills they need to decode words, grow their vocabulary, and become fluent, confident readers.

We expect most children to reach RWI Blue level by the end of Year 1 and RWI Grey level by the end of the first half of the spring term in Year 2, at which point they graduate from the RWI programme. In order to progress onto RWI Grey, we expect children to read fluently—this means reading with accuracy, appropriate pace, and expression.

By the end of Spring term, we expect children to move on to our **Banded Book scheme by Badger** (see the levelled grid on the next page). As children develop their fluency and comprehension, they will progress through the Badger book bands. Children are expected to be reading at **Badger Book Band White by the end of the Spring Term.**

We understand that parents and carers have busy lives, but we strongly encourage you to read with your child every day. Just ten minutes of sharing a book together can make a real difference to their confidence, progress, and enjoyment of reading.



Read, Read, Read



| Book Band | Emerging | Expected | Confident Exceeding | Super Confident Exceeding |
|-------------------------|----------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Lilac (Level 0) | Reception | | | |
| Pink (Level 1) | | Reception | | |
| Red (Level 2) | Year 1 | Reception | | |
| Yellow (Level 3) | Year 1 | Reception | | |
| Blue (Level 4) | | Year 1 | Reception | |
| Green (Level 5) | Year 2 | Year 1 | Reception | |
| Orange (Level 6) | Year 2 | Year 1 | | |
| Turquoise (Level 7) | | Year 2 | Year 1 | |
| Purple (Level 8) | | Year 2 | Year 1 | |
| Gold (Level 9) | | Year 2 | Year 1 | |
| White (Level 10) | Year 3 | Year 2 | Year 2 | |
| Lime (Level 11) | Year 3, Year 4 | | Year 2 | |
| Brown (Level 12) | Year 4, Year 5 | Year 3 | Year 2 | |
| Grey (Level 13) | Year 5, Year 6 | Year 4 | Year 3 | Year 2 |
| Dark Blue (Level 14) | Year 6 | Year 5 | Year 4 | Year 3 |
| Dark Red (Level 15) | | Year 6 | Year 5 | Year 4 |
| Black (Level 16) | | | Year 6 | Year 5 |
| Black Plus (Level 17) | | | | Year 6 |

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P.E at Galliard



Please ensure your child comes to school in their full PE kit on P.E. days. The school PE kit includes:

- Navy shorts, joggers, or leggings
- House t-shirt (Bedford Blue, Richmond Red, Grosvenor Green, or York Yellow)
- Comfortable trainers

For safety and ease, please make sure your child can put on and take off their trainers independently, and can fasten them securely. While we advise that children do not wear earrings to school on PE days, if they do, we recommend studs. These can be securely taped during PE lessons to avoid injury.

| <i>Class</i> | <i>Days</i> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 2A | Tuesday, Wednesday |
| 2MC | Tuesday, Thursday |
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Dates for your diary (so far)

January

5th Staff INSET day. School closed

6th Start of term: pupils return to school

15th CENSUS day

February

13th Last day of the first half term. School ends
School ends at 15:20

16th - 20th Half Term. 23rd Staff INSET day.
School closed

March

4th Year 2 Ernest Shackleton Workshop

5th World Book Day

18th Parents Evening 15:30 – 19:00 & Book Fair

19th Parents Evening 15:30 – 17:30 & Book Fair

27th Last day of term. School ends at 14:00

30th March - 10th April Easter Holiday

