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Primary School

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Welcome to Year 2 2026-2027



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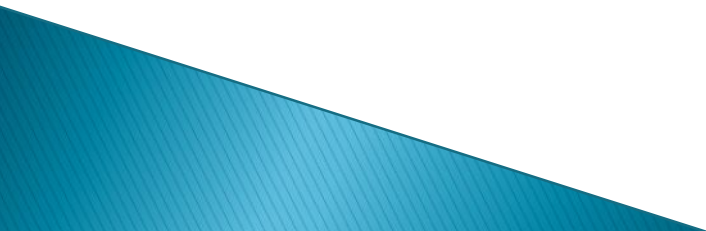
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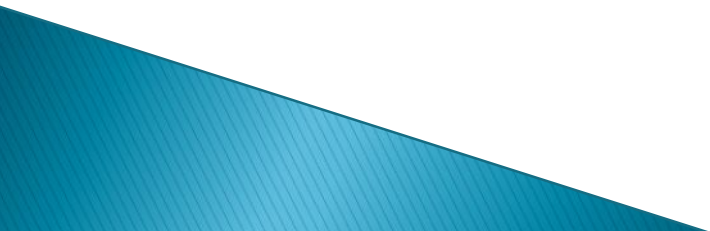
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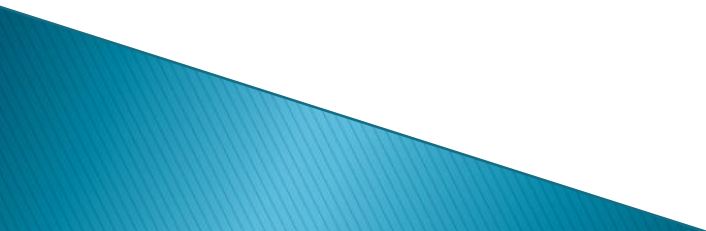
Morning Routine...

- We are encouraging further independence now the children are in year 2.
 - Children need to put their reading books in the boxes on the carpet.
 - Children find their carpet places for their morning activity.
 - Children are able to bring certificates and trophies in to show the class on a Friday but no toys are allowed to be brought into the school.
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When can you see us:

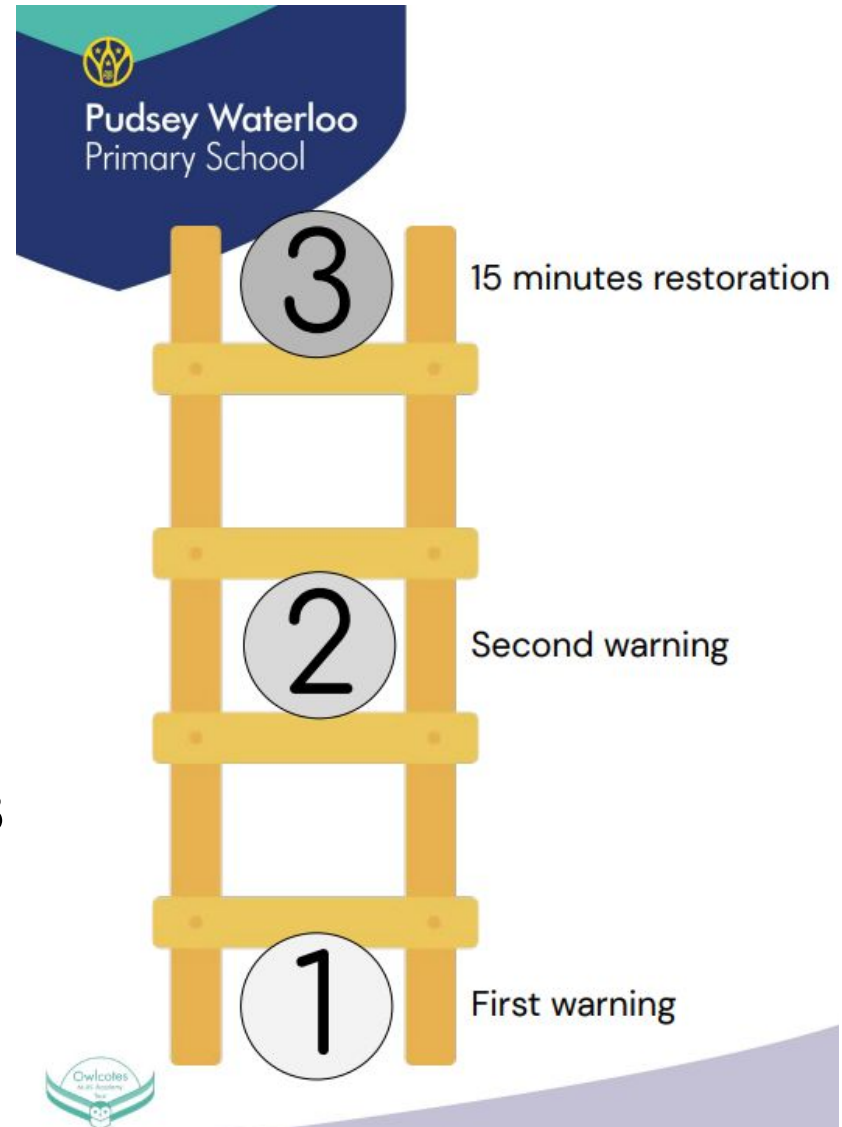
- We will always be on the door each morning & afterschool to greet the children. You can pass on any information we need to know for the day ahead then.
 - If you have any questions or would like a longer chat, please call the office to arrange a meeting. We're always happy to talk!
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Merits

- Your child can receive a merit for great work or attitude and this will be recorded on a chart in class:
 - 25 merits = Bronze Certificate
 - 50 merits = Silver Certificate
 - 75 merits = Gold Certificate
 - 100 merits = Platinum Certificate
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Behaviour system

- We have a behaviour policy that we call “The Ladder”.
- Children receive a verbal reminder prior to moving onto level 1.
- If children reach level 3, they will have a 15 minute restoration session during playtime where they will discuss their behaviour with a member of staff.
- Some behaviours may cause children to go straight to Level 3 such as violent or threatening behaviour.



School Uniform

- During a normal school day, children need to wear school uniform including black school shoes.
- PE KIT: To be worn on **Monday**. The PE kit should be: a plain black/navy blue tracksuit with a plain white t-shirt and trainers (shorts if weather permitting).
- Please remove earrings or cover with a plaster if recently pierced.
- If children come in the incorrect PE clothing we have some in school to use during the day.

Jewellery & Smartwatches

Smartwatches & Jewellery

- Smartwatches are not permitted in school.
- All standard jewellery and watches must be removed prior to PE lessons for safety reasons.

PE Earrings Policy

- Please remove your child's earrings before school on designated PE days.
- If piercings are still healing, please tape them up before school.
- School staff are not permitted to remove pupils' earrings.

Sports Competitions

- According to new rules in Leeds, children wearing any form of jewellery or earrings will not be allowed to participate in inter-school sporting events for safety reasons.



Typical day in year 2

Morning

Maths task when they come in.

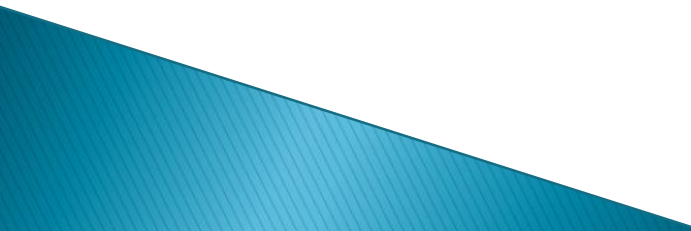
Maths and English lessons with a playtime in between

Settling in music & handwriting task after play or lunch.

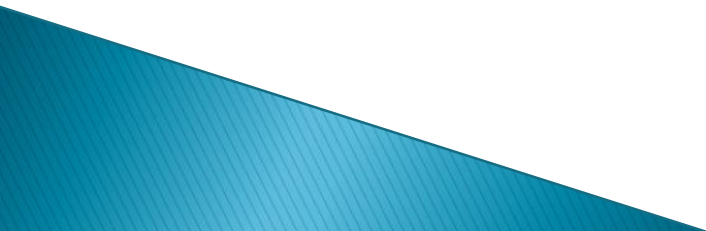
Lunchtime 12pm

Afternoon

Curriculum lessons (art, music, geography, history, DT, PSHE) with a playtime in between

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OPaL

- OPaL - Outdoor Play and Learning
 - It is about valuing play and giving children rich opportunities to be creative, collaborative and active in their outdoor play
 - Children have access to lots of resources - large loose parts, den building, sand, role play, mud kitchen etc..
 - We go outside in all weather so please send the children with appropriate clothing.
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OPAL - stay and play



Home Reading

- Your child will take home a phonically decodable book/level book. In year 2 there will be a mixture of these. These will be changed on a **as and when your child finishes**.
- To help with improving reading fluency, children will need to read each book once for decoding. Please then read the book again, this time asking questions to support with reading comprehension. Please sign your child's reading log each time they read.
- Please send your child's reading log and reading book into school every day as they will be reading in class. Each time your child reads they will get a stamp in their reading log.
- Your child will also bring home a reading for pleasure book from the library to share with parents which will be changed once a week. This will take place on a **Thursday/Friday**.

Children that did not achieve the phonics screening check in year 1 will re-sit this in June 2027.

How can I help at home?

Read with your child as much as possible in a calm, quiet place. Ask them questions about the text.

Encourage your child to use Spelling Shed for maths and phonics/spellings activities.

Talk to your children about their learning- use the knowledge organisers we send home as a starting point.

Knowledge Organisers

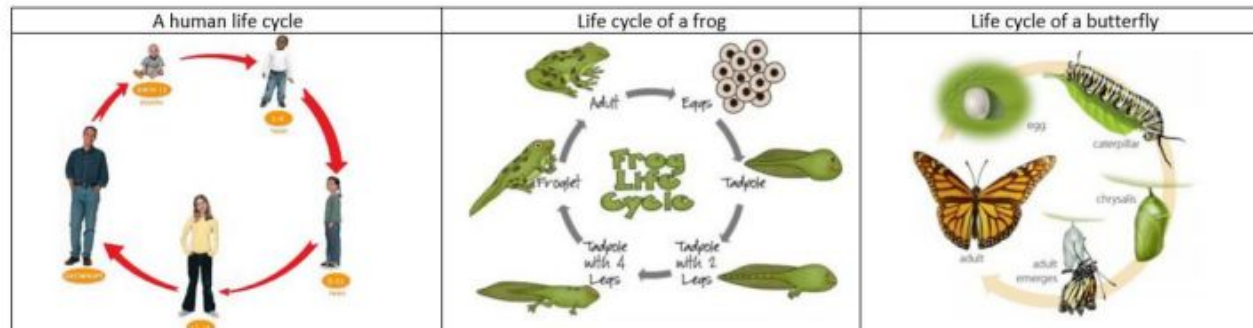


Year 2 Animals including humans



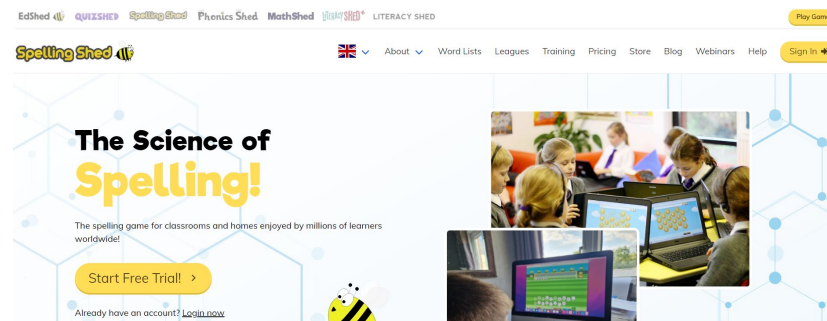
Tier 3 Vocabulary	Definitions of subject specific words
Human	A living person, a human being.
Offspring	The child of a human or an animal.
Life cycle	These are the stages over time that a living thing goes through during its life.
Diet	The food and drink that a person or animal has. If this is a balanced diet, it has the right amount of each food group.
Nutrition	This includes things in your food. Nutritious food groups include: fruit, vegetables, dairy products and grains.
Hygiene	Keeping clean including washing, brushing your teeth and wearing clean clothes.
Exercise	Activities that improve physical fitness and where you can practice and develop skills to help stay healthy.
Survival	To remain alive and exist.

Important Facts
Animals including humans have offspring that grow into adults.
Humans need to have a varied diet to stay healthy and they also need to exercise.
The levels of exercise that are needed to stay healthy include 30 minutes within school and 30 minutes at home. It is ideal that everyone has 60 minutes of exercise per day.
Humans need to wash regularly to stay clean and hygienic.
Animal lifecycles include: a chicken laying an egg and the egg will then grow into a chicken.
All creatures need water to survive.
Life cycles happen over time.
A human begins life as a baby, grows into a toddler, becomes a teenager, then a grown up.
A frog begins life as an egg, that develops into a tadpole, this grows into a froglet and then into an adult frog.
A butterfly also begins life as an egg, then it turns into a caterpillar, that spins into a chrysalis and the adult hatches as a butterfly.



Homework

- This will be set on a Friday to be completed by the following Friday. Children will get:
 - Phonics/Spellings will be set online on Spelling Shed
 - Maths will be set online on Maths Shed.
 - Phonics sheets.



Trips and Workshops

We are currently planning these, all visits and visitors are to be confirmed pending costs.

Autumn term

- Trip to watch a performance (27th November)
- Bikeability November/December (TBC)

Spring term

- Lego workshop (11th January)

Summer term

- Den building (28th May)
 - Scarborough (June 2027 approx £15)
 - Skipping festival TBC
 - Adventure Week TBC
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Every School Day Counts: Attendance at Waterloo

- Give children the best chance, they should **attend school every day**.
- Our target is for all pupils to achieve a **minimum of 96%** attendance over the academic year.
- What does 96% look like? It means **missing no more than 7 days of learning** across the entire school year.
- **Why it matters:** Research consistently shows that attending school at least 96% of the time gives children the best possible chance of academic success, helps them build lasting friendships, and supports their overall wellbeing.



Working Together to Keep Attendance High

- **Working Together:** We understand that sometimes absence is unavoidable. Our 96% expectation applies to all pupils, *except* those with verified medical conditions or exceptional circumstances.
- **Illness & Appointments:** If your child is too ill to attend, please contact the school office on the first morning of absence. Where possible, please arrange routine appointments (such as dentists etc) outside of school hours or during the holidays.
- **Exceptional Circumstances:** Term-time holidays cannot be authorised. The Headteacher may only grant a leave of absence in rare, exceptional circumstances, which must be requested in advance.
- **Here to help:** If your child is facing barriers to attendance, please come and talk to us. We are committed to working in partnership with you to put the right support in place.



Extra information

Parents Evening

- Wednesday 21st October
- Thursday 22nd October

Theme Weeks

- TBC

Wobble and Toddle

Wobble and Toddle is our parents and tots group. It runs every Monday morning in the hall from 9-11.

Each session costs £2 per family.

If you fancy coming along for a chat, tea and toast whilst your little one plays and makes friends then please come and join us.





Friends of Waterloo is a group of parents, friends and staff who meet once a month.

This takes place on the second Monday of every month.

If you would like to join our meeting or share any ideas, please email friendsofwaterloo2020@yahoo.com for more details.

We organise fun events such as:

- Discos
- Christmas Fairs
- Summer Fairs
- Quiz Nights
- Coffee Mornings



This year we are fundraising for more OPaL resources such as social spaces and developing a garden area.

Last Year's Fundraising Highlights include:

-  Scooter Pod
-  Large Sandpit
-  AstroTurf Area

