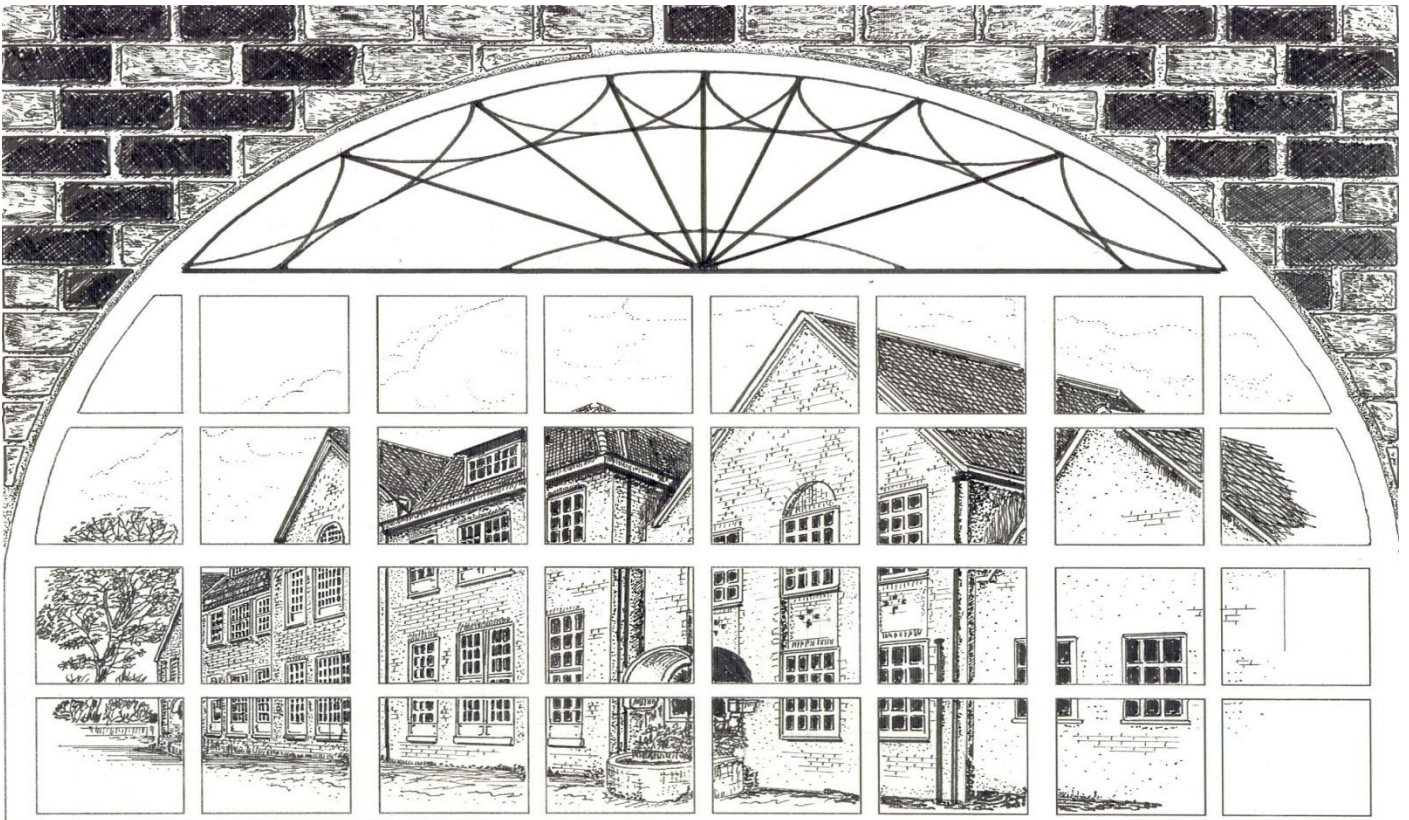




Welcome to Year 2



STAFF

The following members of staff are in Year 2 this year and Mr Jones is the Head of Year, leading the team.

Class	Class Teachers	Support Staff
2B	Mr Jones	Mrs Chen
2F	Miss Pert and Mrs Sidhar	Mrs Hussain
3S	Mrs Yilmaz	Mrs Kalam

UNIFORM

Whitehall School has extremely high standards for our pupils' appearance and attire, therefore, we ask that you adhere to the following school uniform requirements (please clearly name all items of uniform):

- Plain red sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
- White shirt/blouse or white polo shirt
- Grey trousers/grey shorts, grey skirt or red and white gingham dress for the summer
- Strictly white, short, elasticated hijab
- Strictly white patka or joora
- White or grey socks
- Red or grey tights
- Sensible black shoes with backs and no heels

Our P.E. Kit consists of:

- Plain black shorts & plain white or red T-shirt
- Plimsolls and long plain black jogging bottoms and top required for sessions taking place outside



MEDICAL NEEDS/MEDICATION

You should have already informed the welfare staff of any medical needs your child has. On the first day of school, it is essential that you hand in any medication (e.g. asthma inhalers/spacers, EpiPens etc.) to the Lower School's welfare room so that this can be checked and then placed in the medical box in your child's classroom. In the case of asthma inhalers and EpiPens, we ask for two to be supplied to the school (one for the classroom and a spare to be kept in the welfare room).

MORNING DROP-OFF ROUTINES

Your child can enter the school every morning through either the school gate located on **Cowley Road** or the gate on **Whitehall Road** (please note, if you choose to use the gate on Whitehall Road, your child will come on to the school site unaccompanied by you and make their own way to their classroom, guided by staff members). These gates will be open between **8.30am – 8.45am**. Upon arrival, your child will make their way to their classroom for registration. The register will be taken at 8.45am. If you arrive after 8.45am and find the gate closed, your child is late and they will need to be taken to the school office to enter the school.

AFTERNOON PICK-UP ROUTINE

The gate on **Cowley Road** will be opened at 3.00pm for parents to access the school site. Please collect your child/ren from their classroom door at the following location at 3.00pm.



The gates on Cowley Road and Whitehall Road will be closed at 3.20pm.

PE DAYS

We are asking that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on the days they have timetabled PE lessons. Your child will need to come to school in their PE kit on the following days this academic year: 2B Badgers - Wednesday and Friday. 2F – Foxes – Monday and Wednesday. 2S – Squirrels – Monday and Thursday.

SNACKS/WATER BOTTLE/EQUIPMENT

The school provides a daily fruit or vegetable snack to all children during snack time. Please supply your child with a named water bottle which they can have with them in class throughout the day.

Each classroom will have a supply of the stationery that your child will need for each day at school: a pencil, rubber, ruler and sharpener. Therefore, your child **will not** need to bring their own pencil case to school.

SCHOOLMONEY SYSTEM

At Whitehall School, we use an online school money system for you to pay for your child's trips, breakfast club and to order free hot dinners. The information you need to access this is on our school website. Please be aware that if you would like your child to have a hot dinner, you must order before **midnight** on the day before.

COMMUNICATION

Communication between home and school is essential. Therefore, please do not hesitate to share quick messages directly with the class teacher at drop off or contact us via our year group email address: year2@whitehallschool.org. Please note that this email account will not be checked during the school day as staff will be teaching, or at weekends. Direct messaging on Class Dojo is turned off so any messages sent via this route will not be visible.

Alternatively, you can make a specific appointment with your child's class teacher by contacting the school office.

READING RECORD

Your child will be supplied with a reading record during the first week of term. This reading record is a very useful way to communicate important messages with your child's class teacher; the children's reading is checked daily and any messages you leave will be read. Therefore, it is essential that the reading record is taken home each day and returned to the school the next day.

BEHAVIOUR SYSTEM

At Whitehall School, we believe that happiness is at the heart of learning. As part of this, we hold high expectations of behaviour from our pupils at all times. These high expectations and our positive ethos create a calm, stimulating and safe learning environment for our children. To enable us to achieve this, we have a positive, restorative behavior system so all of our pupils know the expectations and consequences if the school rules are broken. Our school behaviour code is simple: Ready, Respectful, Safe – every action can come back to these expectations. At their discretion, teachers can choose to award 'recognition time' to their class at the end of the week. We have a very fair and consistent approach to behaviour across our school.

YEAR 2 CURRICULUM

At Whitehall School, your child's learning is taken from the National Curriculum and a locally agreed syllabus for religious education. The Curriculum aims to provide opportunities for all pupils to learn and achieve; to prepare all pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life. Through their learning experiences, our pupils are also encouraged to further their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. In addition, we place a strong emphasis on embedding SEAL (social and emotional aspects of learning) within everything we do.

Autumn Term lessons consist of:

- English: reading and writing a variety of genres, as well as specific spelling and handwriting lessons
- Mathematics: Number and place value up to 100, addition and subtraction to 100, multiplication and division (2, 5 and 10), Money and 2-D and 3-D shape
- Science: 'Use of everyday materials' will be taught through practical and investigative approaches
- Art: line drawing and shading skills and, learning about the artist Stephen Wiltshire
- DT: exploring mechanisms
- History: The Stuarts and the Great Fire of London
- Geography: Mapping skills and landmarks of London
- Computing: E-safety
- RE: Islam and Christianity
- Music: patterns, dynamics and tempo
- PE: dance, gymnastics, send, return and attack games, defend and shoot games
- RHSE: What is a good friend? What things make us healthy and what things might harm our bodies?

HOMEWORK

Your child's homework will consist of:

- A minimum of 10 minutes reading per day to be recorded in their reading record (and signed) daily
- Weekly spellings set via Class Dojo on a Friday and tested the following Thursday
- One piece of either mathematics or English homework per week set on Class Dojo every Friday and due the following Friday.

A very warm welcome to Whitehall School where 'happiness is at the heart of our learning'.