

Welcome to Lower Key Stage 2

Welcome to LK52! We are very excited to welcome you all to life as a junior! The three classes are Trencrom, Lanyon and Kerris. Although our classes and classrooms are very different, we work together all of the time and share the same workspace, so we are one big team!

Trencrom Class:

Miss Rudge Mrs Richards



Mrs Dennison Miss Williams Mrs Leiworthy

Kerris Class:

Mrs May Miss McClure

















Communication

Now that your child is in KS2, we will be relying on them to pass on any letters or messages to yourselves. However, we will always text to let you know if there is anything important coming home. We will also be sending home knowledge organisers- which is a document with information on the individual subjects we will be covering. We will also send home a termly overview of our learning.

However, should you need to contact your child's teacher, you can email trencrom/lanyon/kerris@alverton.cornwall.sch.uk or make an appointment to chat after school as mornings are really tricky when we are settling the children and getting ready for the day!

Parent guides on our website.https://alverton.eschools.co.uk/website/parent_guides/88178

Reading

Reading will continue to be our main priority in LKS2, especially after this period of not being in school. We will expect the children to read every day both in school and at home.

Children who are reading a book banded book will be shown where to change their books and children who are free readers can either bring books in from home or choose one from our book corners.

The Parts of a Parent Reader



Expectations for home learning in LKS2

- Aim for 20 minutes a day of reading time-reading to your child and with them
- Regular practise of weekly spellings and common exception words
- Practise times tables (by the end of Year 4 your child should know all tables up to 12×12 which they will be tested on.)
- The homework grid is optional but is a great way to extend learning around their project for keen children!
- We also use Apps such as Spelling Shed and Reflex Maths for practise at home.

Uniform and Kit

The expectations for uniform are still the same as the children reach KS2. Further details of our uniform policy are on the school website but we would appreciate your support in ensuring that your child attends school suitably dressed and ready for their lessons. The children will have P.E. every Wednesday afternoon and also on another day so it is VITAL that their P.E. kit is in school all week.



The children will also need to ensure that they have a pair of wellies in school which are clearly named as we frequently go out for outdoor learning sessions. It is also VITAL that your child brings a named water bottle into school so that they have plenty to drink each day. We will remind the children to take these home to wash regularly but would appreciate your help with this!

KSI to KS2 Transition

Making the move from KS1 to KS2 can feel like a big jump for many children at first. But, after a few weeks, they will soon adjust!

We begin the day at 8:45 when the children will be left at the gate or door and walk into class. From there, they will hang up their belongings and either read quietly or complete a task which the teacher has set out.

The biggest change is that children are expected to become more independent. They will order their lunch, which are no longer free, and pass any letters or messages onto the teacher. Please ask at the office for information on the cost of school lunches, a menu and eligibility for free school meals. They will also need to remember to bring a healthy snack in for playtime as this is no longer provided. They may bring some money in to spend in the tuck shop which often provides cheese straws, muffins, fruit or cereal bars. This is really important as they are usually extremely hungry by this time and it really benefits their learning.

Another important change is that we will not be changing the children's reading books for them. They will have access to a wide selection of books at all times and may change these whenever they need to. They will have reading journals to go home which we look at regularly throughout the week. We will, of course, support any child who is not a free reader but again, they will be able to choose a book themselves. If your child prefers, they can of course bring books in from home.

Homework will be given out half termly but we expect pupils to bring in pieces of work each week. We will share this work in class and display it within the workspace. This work will be shared rather than 'show and tell' as some children can bring lots of things into school which will have to stay in their bags.

Once in K52, the children will not have an afternoon playtime anymore. This is one particular aspect they find hard adjusting to! However, the day finishes at 3:15 as normal. Trencrom are walked into the quiet area by the picnic benches outside the hall to be collected at the end of the day and Lanyon will wait on the class balcony overlooking the lower playground until parents are seen. Kerris leave through the fire exit opposite the welly pegs.

This will all become part of their routine before long but we will appreciate your support in helping your child with this transition!

The LKS2 Team.