

Year 2 Curriculum Evening





Welcome!

- We are very excited to begin in August, once again bringing together children from Lam Tin, Sai Kung and Tai Tam campuses.
- The children have engaged in a number of transition activities and have begun exploring and forming new friendships with children from our existing Year 1 cohort.

The Year 2 Team

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The School Day

- **7:30am** – Children can start to arrive by bus or are dropped at school
- **8:00am** – all children are in school and ready for assembly or registration
- **8:15am** – Lesson 1 begins
- **9:45am** – KS1 snack and playtime
- **11:15am** – KS1 lunch time – packed lunch or school dinner (pre-ordered)
- **2:45pm** – The school day ends, children collected
- **3:00pm** – Buses depart
- **3:00pm** – ECAs begin
- **3:45pm** – ECAs end, children collected
- **4:00pm** – ECA buses depart

NB: When collecting children from school or ECAs you must present the pick up card for your child. If somebody is collecting your child on your behalf, you must ensure they have the pick up card, or a photo of the pick up card, to show to a member of staff.

First day at school



- The first day of school for Year 2 will be **Monday 19th August until 12:15pm.**
- On this day, we will only have Key Stage One pupils at school to allow them to get used to the school routines without the distractions of other pupils!
- On this morning, we invite parents to drop off their children and settle them into their new class.
- School begins at 8am when teachers will register the children.
- If your child takes the school bus, they will be able to take the bus home.

Communication

- We understand the importance of sharing information. Parents are encouraged to communicate with their class teacher via email.
- Staff check their emails regularly but not always during the teaching day. **Please allow up to 24 hours for a response.** Urgent communication should be addressed by phone call to the School Receptionist.
- Curriculum information will be shared on Firefly and more up to date information can be found on the Year Group blog.
- Parents are always welcome to arrange additional meetings for any concerns or to share information with us. Likewise, if we have any concerns we will contact you and invite you in for a discussion.



Reporting to Parents

- In addition to informal communications we have a number of parent meetings throughout the year.
- Throughout the year, we carry out ongoing assessments to monitor progress, usually at the end of each topic or unit. Detailed information about children's attainment and progress is shared through school reports and parents evening where strengths and targets to work on will be shared.
- The first Parents' evening will be In November when you will have a 1:1 meeting with your child's teacher.
- In February/March, you will receive a written report and also have the opportunity to have another 1:1 meeting.
- In June, you will receive an End of Year written report.
- In addition to ongoing assessments, our pupils periodically sit standardised, internationally recognised assessments at the end of each year.
- **Year 1 to 6: GL Assessments**



Curriculum

Autumn 1

- We're All Wonders

Autumn 2

- Do you Believe in Dragons?

Spring 1

- All Aboard

Spring 2

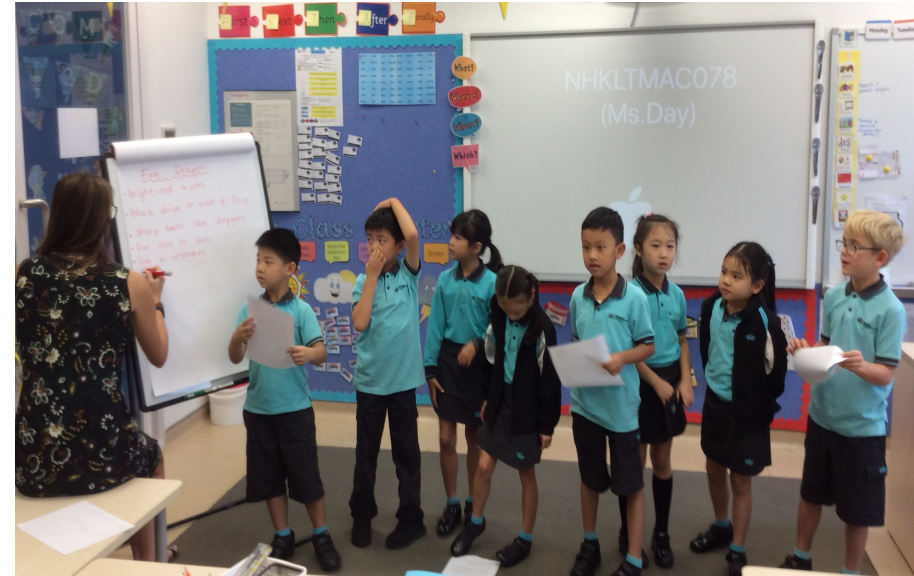
- Ingenious Inventions

Summer

- The Gift of the Nile

Teaching and Learning at NAIS Hong Kong

- Pupils in Year 2 follow the English National Curriculum, adapted by us to be relevant for children growing up in Hong Kong.
- We will encourage a wide variety of learning methods and creativity, by using a number of teaching styles and strategies. All teaching styles will be designed to challenge and engage all pupils.



English

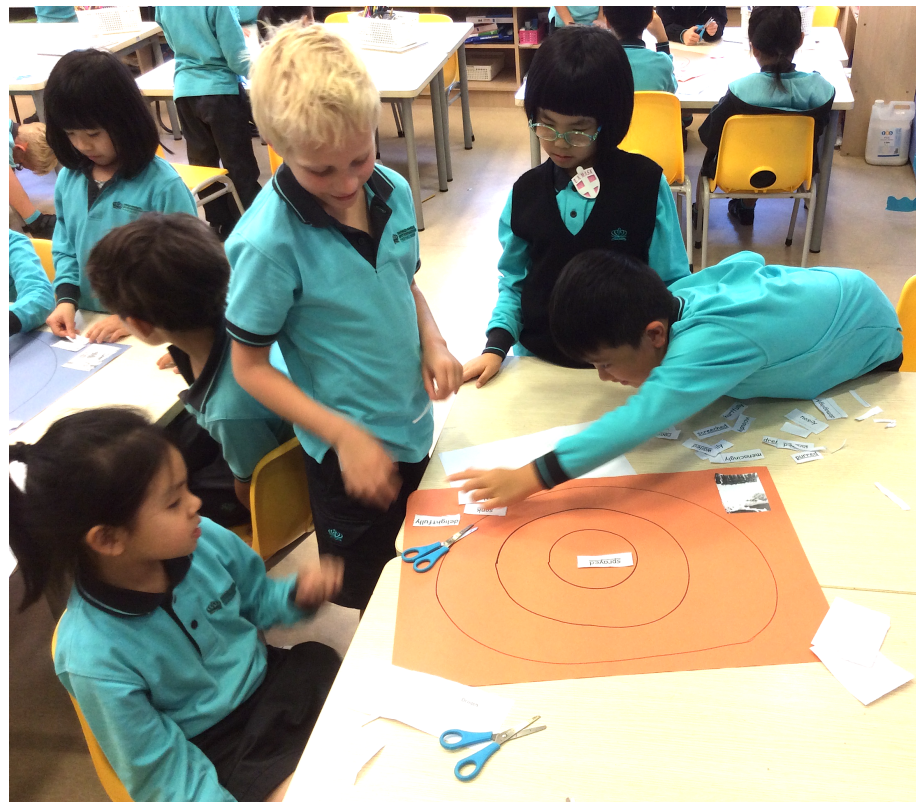
Writing

Pupils learn the features and styles of different genres of writing: Fiction, Non Fiction and Poetry, including fables, stories with fantasy settings, non-chronological texts, notable authors and poetry.

We have a cross-curricular approach, often linking our English to our Theme lessons to make learning exciting and meaningful.

Phonics

In Year 2, we continue to teach Phonics daily, building on children's prior knowledge from Year 1 in order to help children continue to develop reading and writing skills.



English

Reading

Pupils have Reading lessons to develop a range of skills to support reading. Pupils will read either as a group during 'Guided Reading' or 1:1 with an adult. This is an opportunity for teachers to hear pupils reading aloud and develop comprehension skills.

Books are sent home regularly so that learning can continue outside of school. We ask parents to sign the reading diary and for children to become independent at changing their reading books.

Speaking and Listening

Pupils will spend some time developing their speaking and listening skills. This can take the form of presentational skills, active listening tasks, role play, retelling stories, P4C and PSHCE lessons and many more.



Maths

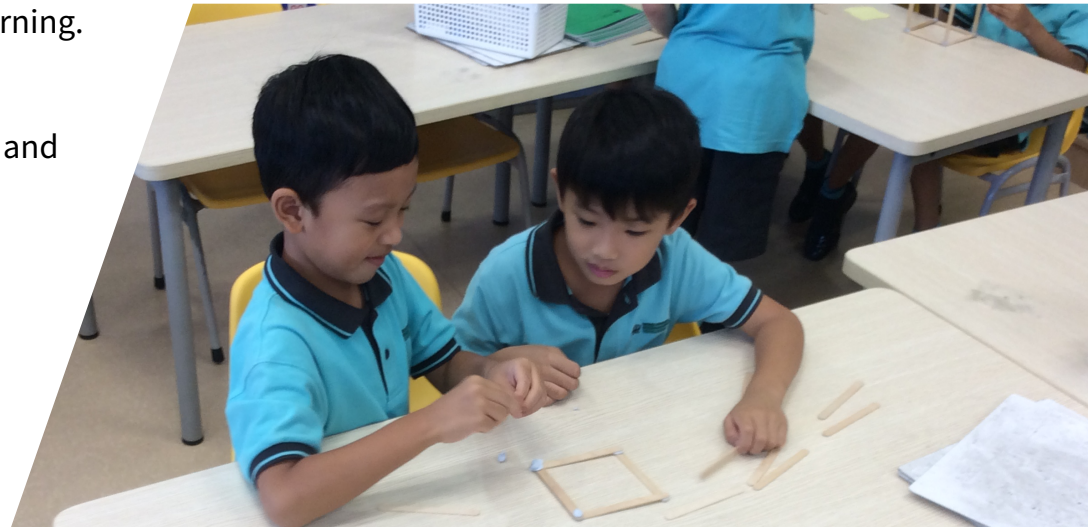
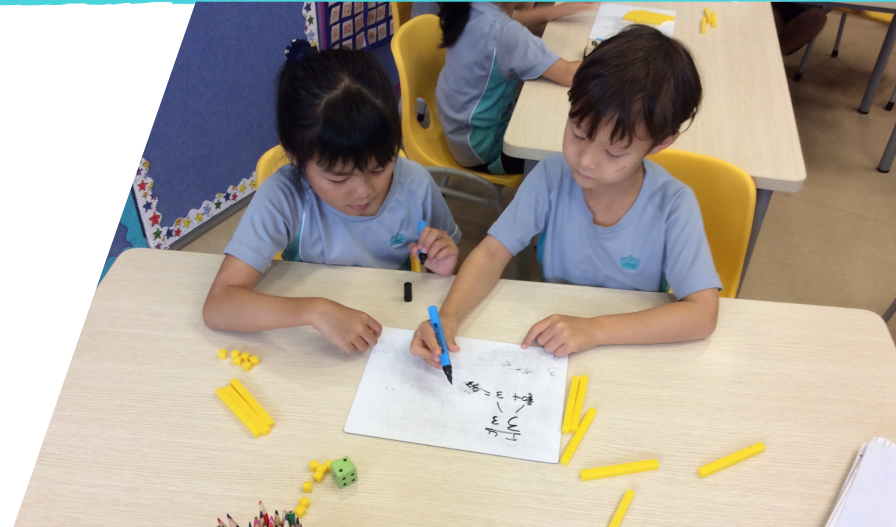
Over the course of the year children will be taught a mixture of numeracy skills, using a range of apparatus to support their learning.

Many of these are revisited and built on several times throughout the year.

These are taught with a real life context and a focus on practical activities where pupils are required to apply their learning.

We explore a range of methods to develop reasoning and problem solving skills.

This year we will be covering: addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, 2D and 3D shapes, measure and fractions.



Theme

- We teach using a thematic cross curricular approach. Objectives and key skills for Science, History, Geography, DT, PSHCE and Computing are linked together to form topics that interest and enthuse the pupils.
- Year 2 topics will include: 'We're all Wonders', 'Do you believe in Dragons?', 'The Gift of the Nile' and many more. You will receive more details as part of each curriculum newsletter.
- Music, Art, Drama, PE and Mandarin are taught by specialist teachers. Our specialists teachers and class teachers will discuss the termly themes and link their lessons accordingly. This encourages our pupils to link their skills across a range of subject areas.



Computing and STEAM



- We make use of technology across the curriculum. Pupils have access to iPads in lessons (where appropriate) and have opportunities to use the iMacs to develop computing skills.
- Computing has become a key focus as part of the curriculum in order to prepare children for the modern world. Children will learn basic programming skills as well as become more computer literate.
- Each term there is a STEAM challenge for children to engage in across the school. Through STEAM, children will develop their Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths skills.
- These challenges often link to our Global Goals and give children an opportunity to use a range of skills towards one area of focus.

Homework

At NAIS we believe homework should be manageable for parents, pupils and teachers.

Tasks set will be directly related to children's class work and the school curriculum and clearly understood by all pupils in terms of objectives and feedback.

Homework expectations in Year 2 are:

- Reading everyday for 15 minutes.
- Practise common exception words.
- One Phonics task per week.
- One other Maths, English or Theme task for 20 minutes.
- Mandarin task for 30 minutes a week.



Extra Curricular Activities (ECAs)

We offer a wide range of extra curricular activities for Year Two pupils from sports and creative activities to chess, Lego, beading homework club. The range of clubs varies each year depending on the staff's interests and expertise but there is always a wide range on offer.

Our teachers lead these clubs from Monday to Wednesday
3 – 3:45pm free of charge.

Year 2 are also eligible to sign up for our Thursday clubs, which are run by external providers. These clubs run from 3 – 3:45pm and are chargeable.

Children can be collected from school at 3:45pm.

Late buses on 6 routes are provided at 4pm.



Questions?

- Thank you for attending the Year 2 Curriculum Presentation. We hope that you have found this information useful.
- There is now some time to meet your child's new teacher and ask any further questions you might have.

