



Year 2 Autumn Newsletter 2026



Dear parents/carers,

It has been great to meet some of you at the door over the past week. I look forward to meeting the rest of you over the coming term. I hope everyone had a lovely summer and the children are ready for all the fantastic learning coming up. They have already settled into Year 2 well. Here is a summary of what we will be up to...

ENGLISH

In year 2 we will be exploring a variety of texts to support our reading, vocabulary and writing development. To begin with, our text will be 'The Bear Under the Stairs' by Helen Cooper this will support the children with letter writing and creating their own narratives.

Through other aspects of the curriculum (science, geography, history etc.) we will be developing our non-narrative skills with information and instructions writing.

Ensuring your child reads for at least 15 minutes a day will help their reading skills as well as their writing.

We will begin to learn how to join our writing, focusing on how to lead in and out of letters.



MATHS



To begin the term, we will be looking at number systems with a focus on place value, addition and subtraction.

We will be using a variety of equipment to help children build their practical mathematical skills to support problem solving and calculations.

The children will also be developing their mathematical vocabulary to develop reasoning tasks.



HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY



We begin the year with a history topic; we will be exploring the Gunpowder Plot and begin to investigate timelines for significant events of the past.

After half term, we will begin a Geography topic on continents and oceans. Using atlases and online maps to locate these.



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ART

In Art, the children will be introduced to sketching, shading and the work of Kumi Yamashita and the use of light and shadow in her work.

COMPUTING

We will be starting with 'how to stay safe online' which will be an ongoing theme throughout the school year. Then we will learn how to programme using the application 'Scratch Junior'.



RE

This term our focus will be theology where we will be posing the question 'Why is light an important symbol?'. We will explore the religions Christianity, Judaism and Hinduism. We will also be exploring the British Values.



SCIENCE

Throughout the Autumn term we will be looking at the area of Science 'Animals, including humans.' Children will be introduced to life cycles, the basic needs of animals for survival (food, water, air) as well as the importance of exercise and nutrition for humans.



DT



This term's Design Technology will be a 'food tech' unit, based around creating a fruit dessert for the Queen of Hearts.

MUSIC



Year 2 Music this term is based around 'Hands, Feet, Heart' this focuses on body percussion and rhythm, pitch and pulse.

PSHE

Our PSHE learning will lead us to think about families and people who care for us, revisiting the NSPCC PANTS and Speak Out, Stay Safe, consent (asking permission) and online safety.





Routines and Reminders



This term's PE topics are swimming, fundamental skills, ball skills and team building. Our usual PE days are Monday and Thursday however, this can be subject to change. We begin the year with swimming on a Monday morning, please see the Parent Mail regarding this.

Children must have their PE kits in school all week as PE days may be subject to change. Please check the uniform policy to ensure your child has the correct kit - **this includes a change of socks.**



REWARD SYSTEM

Every child has been given a sticker book. This is an individual reward incentive and not to be compared against other members of the class (the children are aware of this). Children need 20 stickers on a page to get a reward. When a prize is given, a member of staff signs the page, and a new page is started. Prizes are only given out on a Friday. As a whole class incentive, we have a marble jar. The class must earn 100 marbles to gain a 'class treat'. Once a Treat is awarded you will receive an email with further details.



READING BOOKS

Please see Miss Morton's email about changes to reading and spelling. Our reading book change days will be Monday and Thursday. Children must still read every day.

It is important that an adult **records in the reading record** every time your child reads at home, whether this is a schoolbook or a home book. Please also indicate every time the book is finished to ensure we can keep an eye on when it needs changing.

Children must have a **water bottle in school every day**, we put these in a holder to ensure we can monitor how much children are drinking.

GENERAL

Homework will be sent home on a Friday. There will be a mixture between Teams and a paper folder. Please check the class Team regularly (this will be set up over the first couple of weeks).

Teddies/ fidgets/ keyrings. We are trying to encourage children not to bring items from home. These cause a lot of distraction and upset. Unless agreed with myself, children are not to bring in toys/ teddies from home. Please also limit keyrings as they have the same effect.

Finally, please ensure **all items of clothing, including PE kit, are labelled**. It is so much easier to ensure children take home the correct uniform when it is named!

If you have any concerns or issues you would like to discuss regarding your child, please email the office and we will be in touch.

Kind Regards,
Miss Hagger