

September 2026

Dear Parents

Autumn Term 2026 – Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome to Year 2. Below are some details about the subjects and work we will be covering this term.

English/Cross Curricular

This first half of the term, the children will be focusing on a cross-curricular learning theme about 'Space'. During this topic your child will have a range of writing opportunities that will include stories, poetry, letter writing and non-fiction. Through the various genres of writing, we will be developing our understanding of grammar, looking specifically at noun phrases, conjunctions and questions. The topic will also include history elements as we learn about Neil Armstrong and Katherine Johnson.

In the second half of the term our Geography focus will be 'Frozen Worlds'. Within this topic we will learn about the Arctic and Antarctic, comparing ecosystems and environments.

During our 'Guided Reading' sessions, your child will explore a diverse range of reading materials. We will assess the children on all Year 1 and 2 common exception words, and a sheet highlighting the words your child doesn't know will be sent home. To meet year group expectations, it is crucial for your child to master the correct spelling of these words by the end of Year 2. While we will continue revising them in our daily phonic work at school, any extra practice at home would be highly beneficial.

Mathematics

This term in mathematics we are concentrating on:

- number and place value
- addition and subtraction
- shape

Science

This term, your child will be learning to identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials - such as wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper, and cardboard - for different purposes. They will also explore how the shapes of solid objects made from certain materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting, and stretching. Later in the term, the focus will shift to growth in animals and humans. Your child will learn that animals, including humans, have offspring that grow into adults. They will also explore the basic needs of animals for survival—such as water, food, and air—and understand the importance of exercise, a balanced diet, and good hygiene for keeping healthy.

IT

IT is an integral part of the children's learning in Year Two. They will be developing their IT skills to support all areas of the curriculum. We will be using specific apps such as Pic Collage, Book

Creator and Seesaw to support learning in Maths, English and Science as well as using a variety of websites to research our topics and support our learning.

PE

In PE this term, your child will be participating in gymnastics, dodgeball, fundamental movement skill games, and object manipulation activities. In gymnastics, they will be focusing on developing different methods of travel, flight, balance and climbing, using floor and apparatus work. In dodgeball, they will learn the skills and tactics needed to play a game. In fundamental movement skill games, they will be learning to develop their balance, agility and coordination in a fun environment, through participation in fun games and challenges. In object manipulation activities, they will develop their throwing, catching, rolling, kicking and striking skills through participation in games and challenges that use a variety of different equipment and resources.

Music

The focus in music this term will be long and short sounds. The children will sing a variety of songs and use percussion instruments to learn accompaniments to their singing. We will continue to play rhythm games to learn about quaver, crotchet and minim rhythms. We will sing songs linked to class topics and seasonal events. After half term we will begin to learn the songs for our Christmas production.

Art/Design Technology

Your child is going to be using a range of materials creatively to design and make products. We are going to make moon buggies in DT. In Art we are going to explore a wide range of techniques using colour, pattern, texture, line and shape based on our topics.

RE

Towards the end of the term, the RE focus will be on Christianity and the Christmas story.

Useful information

- PE: Wednesday and Friday
- Library: Friday
- Reading Homework: Books will be sent home every Monday, to be returned on a Friday. Please read for approximately 15 minutes every evening.
- Spelling Homework: Spellings will also be issued every Monday. Please practice on Ed Shed every evening - ready for assessment on Friday.

Ways to help at home

- Help your child to learn their number bonds to 10 and 20 e.g. $3+7=10$ or $12+8=20$.
- Count with your child in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s.
- Develop instant recall of the times table facts for 2s, 5s and 10s, e.g. $6 \times 5=30$
- Practice their spellings and read aloud daily

Please make sure that your child has their painting apron and a named bottle of water in school. When the weather gets colder, please ensure that your child brings a warm coat to school. As always, should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

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