

Year 2 Autumn Term Newsletter, 2026

Dear families,

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to an exciting year in Year 2.

This term, in our English lessons, the children will be studying two core texts: *The Treasure of Pirate Frank* by Mal Peet and Elspeth Graham, and *Lila and the Secret of the Rain* by David Conway and Jude Daly. These stories will inspire the children to write character descriptions, describe settings, and create their own narratives based on the themes and structure of the books. As in Year 1, children will continue to bring home two books each week: a library book and a phonics book. Our designated day for library visits is a Thursday and book changes this year is Friday.

In mathematics, we will begin by learning to tell the time to the nearest hour and half past. Following this, we will move on to exploring the composition of numbers between 10 and 100 and applying this understanding when working with statistics. During the second half of the autumn term, we will focus on calculations within 20, while also consolidating number facts within 10 from Year 1. The children will also learn to add and subtract within 100 by using related one-digit facts, practising how to add and subtract either ones or tens from two-digit numbers, and working with combinations of two-digit and one-digit numbers as well as two-digit numbers and multiples of ten.

Attached to this newsletter, you will find the knowledge organisers for history, geography and science. These documents outline the key vocabulary and concepts the children will be learning and can be a great resource to support conversations at home. In geography this half term, we will explore the topic of spatial sense, and in science, we will be learning about the human body. After the half-term break, the children will move on to the science topic of living things in their environment and the history topic Romans in Britain.

In music, the children will begin learning to play the recorder. Our life skills lessons this term will focus on the theme 'Me and My Relationships'. In religious education, we will explore two key questions: "What do different people believe about God?" and "Why is giving important to Christians?" In our computing lessons, we will cover the topics 'computing systems and networks - IT around us' and 'creating media - digital photography', as well as continuing to develop the children's understanding of how to stay safe online.

During PE lessons this term, the children will be developing their gymnastics skills by learning to create body shapes and build simple sequences. They will also take part in team-building games with our coach. In the second half of the term, the focus will shift to dance and ball skills. Our regular PE days are Wednesdays and Fridays, with both classes having PE with the coach on Wednesdays. If there are any changes due to school events, we will inform you in advance of the days when your child will need to come to school in their PE kit.



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Autumn Term Home Learning

Autumn 2 Project Home Learning

Due in Monday 9th December

Find out about Roman mosaics and design and make your own. You can use anything you like to make your design!

Weekly Home Learning

Spelling

- Spelling Shed - a website with games to practise the spellings at home (linked to phonics).
- Choose a spelling activity to do in your spelling book.

Reading

- Daily reading, including Bug Club - recorded in your reading record.

Maths

- Numbots - 3 times a week to improve number fluency

All passwords will be in reading records so please keep these safe.

We are really looking forward to the term ahead and all the wonderful learning opportunities it will bring. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning or wellbeing.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hibberd, Miss Ryan and Mrs Thompson



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