

YEAR 2'S HALF-TERMLY NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 1 2025

Miss Waldron, Mrs Hopkins, Mrs Reid

We are so excited to welcome all our Year 2 children and families into our new school year! We are really looking forward to getting to know you all and working together throughout the year. Year 2 is an exciting time full of learning, new opportunities, and laughter!

- Miss Waldron (Class Teacher) - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.
- Mrs Reid (PPA cover) – Wednesday
- Mrs Hopkins – Y2 teaching assistant

Please remember that our door is always open. Whether you have a question or want to discuss how your child is getting on, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Our main priority is to make sure every child feels settled and supported in Year 2!

Meet the Teacher:

Wednesday 24th September at 3:30pm in our Y2 classroom. Y2 pupils will wait in another classroom until the meeting is over. Please do come along to this meeting, if possible, as we will give out plenty of information about the year ahead and provide opportunities to ask questions!

Learning journal:

We will occasionally use your child's Learning Journal as a source of communication so please aim to check these frequently. Parents are free to write a message to teachers in their child's Learning Journal, but please bear in mind that these are not checked every day, so do prompt your child to bring it to the teacher when they get into class.

The Year Two Curriculum:

There is plenty of information on our school website about the curriculum, including knowledge organisers, year group specific curriculum maps and home learning resources, so please head over to find out about all of the Year Two Curriculum. You will find this information under 'Children' and then 'Class Pages'.

Reading:

In Year Two, we continue to prioritise reading. We ask that the children read as much as possible at home and as a whole school we ask that everyone reads at home at least 5 times every week. We encourage pupils to read school reading books at home, as well as books they enjoy from home, a library or magazines and newspapers. All children need to bring their reading packs to school each day. Please record in the journal each time your child reads.

Throughout the year we will be focussing on developing the children's level of comprehension. They will be learning to find answers from the text itself. We will also be encouraging the children to give opinions about what they read and to consider any hidden messages from the author.

Times Table Rockstars:

Pupils will also be encouraged to access Times Table Rockstars (details to follow shortly). A strong times table knowledge builds an excellent foundation for mathematical understanding, so please do encourage your child to access TT Rockstars daily.

Spellings:

This month's spelling lists are attached to the newsletter. The children will be practising their spellings during school lessons

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and are encouraged to practice the spellings at home in preparation for a short test on the dates provided. After each test, children will go through their results in class with the teacher!

Seesaw:

Seesaw will continue to be used by class teachers, and your login details should stay the same. If you have any problems logging in, please let us know and we can send the details home. Seesaw may be used to send announcements, any extra home learning or even to showcase excellent work, but please note that the message function will not be in use. If you wish to speak to a member of staff, please make an appointment to do so at the school office.

PE:

PE in Year Two will take place every Thursday afternoon and children are asked to come to school wearing their PE kits on this day. All children must wear the St Thomas' PE kit and are not permitted to wear alternative sportswear.

Home time:

A reminder that for safeguarding purposes, you must inform a member of staff (preferably the class teacher) if you wish your child to be collected by an adult that does not usually collect them. Year 2's home time is at 3:30pm.

Housekeeping

We kindly ask that all water bottles, snack pots and items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. In Year 2, we encourage children to be independent and take responsibility for these items.

Please ensure that book bags have no more than one small keyring, ideally one that includes your child's name. We ask that toys or soft teddies are not attached, as they can be a distraction during the school day.

Children should bring their book bag to school every day, containing their reading book and Learning Journal. Any letters or important information will be sent home via book bags, so we encourage you to check them regularly.



We very much look forward to the year ahead and thank you in advance for your support this year.

Kind regards,

Miss Waldron, Mrs Reid and Mrs Hopkins

Please see overleaf for an overview about what we will be learning this half term and the children's spellings.



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Year 2 Curriculum Map

During the Autumn 1 term, we will be learning about:

Maths In Maths we will be learning about numbers and their place value up to 100. We will learn more about addition & subtraction strategies then move onto learning about multiplication & division of 2,5 & 10. We will regularly practise counting and our mental maths and arithmetic skills too. Please continue with Times Table Rock Stars at home.	English In English we will be reading the storybook 'A River' and working towards creating our own circular narrative. We will explore the use of adjectives, expanded noun phrases and adverbials of time to make our writing more interesting. Lessons will also allow us to practise our oral storytelling and developing our story writing skills too.	RE In RE we will look at the Christian special book, the Bible. We will think about the authors of this book and the messages they convey. We will learn about the New and Old Testaments and how the Bible is used in churches and by Christians today and the impact it has. We will explore the Holy Books in Islam, Sikhism, and Judaism, learning about their significance and how the followers of each faith show respect for them.
PHSE In PSHE we will be learning all about our amazing brains. We'll find out how the brain helps us make good decisions, remember things, and understand the Fight, Flight or Freeze response. We'll also explore how learning helps our brain grow, reflect on our emotions, and practise Happy Breathing.	Geography In Geography we will be learning about what is in our local area. We will be deepening our knowledge through an exploration of the UK's diverse regions.	Science This half term we will learn about the human body. We will learn about the importance of water, food and air for survival. We will also learn about muscles, circulation, digestion and the skeletal system.
PE: Target Games In PE lessons we will be learning about locomotion and jumping. We will practise different types of jumps and use them in sequences and within games too.	Music Y2 will be given the very exciting opportunity to take part in African Djembe drumming this half term with a specialist music teacher.	DT This will be delivered by specialist DT teacher Mrs O'Donnell at set dates during the school year.
Phonics Children will continue with daily phonics sessions to help build and develop fluency. As always, children will be placed into ability groups to ensure they are being taught at the correct challenge point.	Computing We will have whole days set aside during the school year for Computing. This term we are looking at how IT improves our world and how to use it responsibly!	



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Year 2 – Home/School Spellings – Autumn 1

Below our home spellings for this half term, we will be practising the spellings the week prior to the test during our class spelling lessons. Spelling tests will be on a Friday.

	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Test date	Fri 19 th Sep	Fri 26 th Sep	Fri 3 rd Oct	Fri 10 th Oct	Fri 17 th Oct
	sniff  well  across  class  smack  click  kitchen  crutch  was said	have  give  spends  thanks  catches  splashes  playground  bedroom  some come	above  creative  wings  pencils  dishes  foxes  earring  anymore  school friend	dreaming  sleeping  painted  shouted  talked  played  hunter  singer  what when	Tuesday  Wednesday  February  Friday  January  July  August  Spring  Summer once



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