

Year Two's Half Termly Newsletter

Autumn 2 - 2025

I hope you had a restful break; it was so lovely to meet you all at our parents evening. We are so proud of how the children have settled into Year 2, they are such kind and enthusiastic learners! This term there will be lots of new learning taking place, and we are all extremely excited about our Nativity performance!

Home Learning:

Reading:

In Year Two, we continue to prioritise reading. We ask that pupils read at least five times a week at home. We understand that it is not always possible for pupils to read with an adult every day, so we also encourage independent reading. Pupils accessing the RWI phonics programme will continue to take home reading books from the scheme that are closely matched to ability. Please continue to practice speedy reading at home, this is having a significantly positive impact on the children!

Children on the Reading Plus scheme have made a great start! They have 5 assignments to complete per week on their accounts. They will access Reading Plus during school time to complete some of these but please encourage the children to be logging on at home and completing them. Our main focus this term is to improve the children's comprehension skills, so please encourage your child to read the text and questions carefully. Please also read paper books with the children too!

Times Tables:

Pupils will also continue to be encouraged to access Times Table Rock Stars and take part in numerous battles throughout the course of the year. A strong times table knowledge builds an excellent foundation for mathematical understanding, so please do encourage your child to access TT Rock Stars daily. Children in Y2 are expected to be able to answer questions about the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Seesaw:

Seesaw will continue to be used for announcements or to showcase amazing work. Please be aware that the message function will not be in use.

Trips:

Thank you for your feedback regarding the overnight residential trip. Based on the responses we received from parents, we have decided not to attend the overnight trip this year. Instead, we are in the process of planning a day trip to an activity centre, which will provide excellent opportunities for the children to develop their teamwork, collaboration, resilience and perseverance. Further information will be shared closer to the time.

Housekeeping

- Please ensure that your child's book bag comes to school each day, with their reading book and Home Learning Journal. Polite reminder for just one small, preferably named keyring on these please.
 - Please ensure all jumpers, cardigans and items are clearly labelled.
- Show and Tell will continue to take place on Fridays. We kindly ask that children bring in their items only on that day. This helps us keep their belongings safe and encourages the children to think carefully about what they'd like to share.
 - PE will continue to be on a Thursday.

Thank you as always for your continued support, please do get in touch if you have any questions or concerns. Kind regards,

Miss Waldron and Mrs Hopkins

Jesus said, 'Come follow me, live your lives the way God wants you to.'

Year 2 Curriculum Map

<u>Maths</u> We will be learning about multiplication as equal groups and then learn the 2x and 5x tables so we can recall the multiplication facts quickly. We will then learn about division. TTRS work at home will really support the children through these topics!	<u>English</u> This term we will be studying the captivating and enchanting picture book 'The Night Gardener'. The children will be immersing themselves in the text and analysing the language features used by the author. The children will then plan and write their own setting narrative and diary.	<u>Science</u> This half term we will learn about living things and their environment. We will learn how to classify living things and will be studying different habitats. We will also be learning about the food chain and will explore key vocabulary such as producers and consumers.
<u>Art</u> We will be looking at colour and shape in art this half term. Following on from our art day with Mr Corcoran last half term, we will continue to develop our use of colour, tints, shades and geometric prints. With a focus on the artist Paul Klee.	<u>History</u> In History, we will learn about Great Changemakers in our world. We will learn about the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements.	<u>RE</u> We will be learning about Christmas. We will consider and discuss why the birth of Jesus is such good news. We will reflect on the impact of this event both in the past and present day. We will learn about Christian beliefs and why we, as Christians, believe this news is so important and how it has impacted our lives.
<u>P.E</u> This half term we will create and develop our own choreography for a dance entitled 'Pirates'. We will study different techniques and work collaboratively to create a series of movements that complement our chosen piece of music.	<u>PHSE</u> In PSHE we will be learning about what the different types of Character Strengths are, and how children can learn to spot different strengths in themselves and others.	<u>French:</u> We will develop our early French language skills by learning about France, and French speaking countries. We will learn basic greetings, ask and answer simple questions such as "How are you?" and "What is your name?", count to ten, and say ten colours in French..

We will be joined by Mrs O'Donnell this half term to design and build our own cars!

Year 2 – Home/School Spellings – Autumn 2

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 14 th Nov	Fri 21 st Nov	Fri 28 th Nov	Fri 5 th Dec	Fri 12 th Dec
	shorter  louder  slowest  fastest rain  train paint join  coin people	play  away enjoy  soy rule  mute use true  flew again	food  soon dolphin  nephew wheel  whale white see  sea because	skin  kettle unfair  unlock unlike  unsafe quite  quiet Christmas more	mixes  matches helped  asked learned  covered rained door floor poor