

Year 2 2026-27 Autumn Term 1 Newsletter

Welcome to Year 2! The class teacher in Year 2 is Miss Holmes and the Teaching Assistants are Mrs O'Sullivan and Miss Bell.

If you would like to speak to any member of staff, please do not hesitate to contact us by making an appointment through the school office.

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Maths

Our first topic in Maths will be place value. We will begin by looking closely at the place value of digits and how numbers can be represented in different ways using practical equipment. To aid our understanding we will use Base 10, place value straws, arrow cards and money. It is very important that the children are confident when discussing the value of digits in numbers.

Following this we will move on to learning how to measure length and mass (weight) accurately and naming 2D and 3D shapes and studying their properties.

Year 2 children are expected to know their 2s, 5s, 10s and 3 times tables.

A range of place value games -

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=11>

P.E:

In PE we will be covering the Fundamental Skills of kicking in Tri Throlf.

Topic / Creative Curriculum

Our Topic this half term is 'The Place Where I Live'. In geography we will be looking at our school and surrounding area. We will be looking at and creating our own maps and even completing some field work.

In music we will be learning to sing a range of songs, keeping the steady beat and learning to play the glockenspiels and recorders.

In art we are looking at the artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser and developing our painting skills.

English

We will begin the half term by looking at the story 'Traction Man is Here'. We will be making predictions about characters and events before creating our own Traction Man adventure. During this unit we will focus on noun phrases, time adverbials, commas in a list and adverbs. Following this, we will be writing instructions linked to the Traction Man text and also writing an information text linked to our Science topic 'Everyday Materials'.

Spellings will be handed out at the start of the term and glued in reading records. Please look out for what spellings to practice each week.

Reading books will be changed on a daily basis. Please aim to read with your child 3 times a week – if they read 3 times a week they will be a reading star, gaining extra playtime and a biscuit on a Friday.

R.E

This half term our main question is 'Who is Muslim and how do they live?' Through different stories and activities, the children will learn about some of the key Muslim beliefs, stories and traditions.

P.S.H.E

In PSHE we will be looking at the unit 'Me and My Relationships'. Within this unit we will be looking at our ideal classroom, why we need rules, feelings, how to be a good friend and different types of bullying and how to deal with it. The children will enjoy a range of stories, circle times and activities.

Science

In Science, our topic is 'Everyday Materials.' Children will be identifying and describing the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses. We will be learning a range of new scientific vocabulary and applying them to fun investigations that will link to our class text 'Traction Man'.

Computing

This half term the children will begin to understand what information technology (IT) is and will begin to identify examples. We will discuss where they have seen IT in school and beyond, in settings such as shops, hospitals, and libraries. The children will then investigate how IT improves our world, and they will learn about the importance of using IT responsibly.

Ideas to help your child at home:

- Read at home with your child as often as possible. The children will collect stickers in their reading rainbow and will get to swap it for a prize when the chart is full.
- Homework is set at the beginning of the term and is to be completed once a week. Your child can bring their homework in to school when completed and will be given house points and a chance to show the class their work.
- By the end of Year 2 we need to know our 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. Any practise at home would be really useful.

Things to remember:

- Homework will be set at the beginning of every half term.
- P.E. day is a Wednesday so come to school in PE kit.
- Correct uniform to be worn all the time, including school shoes. Please notify school of any issues Please can names be put in all uniform.
- Refresh yourself on the schools' behaviour policy, available from the school office or school website.
- Check the School Facebook for photos, news and up to date learning which has taken place.