

Year 2 Newsletter - Advent Term 1 2025

Welcome to Year 2!

I hope you all had a great summer and managed some well deserved family time. Year 2 is a very important year and I know you will support me in giving your child the very best they deserve. Below I have briefly outlined what we will be learning this half term.

As you may already know, I take the Year 3's swimming on a Monday afternoon, during this time Mrs Geary will be teaching. Also, Mrs Barker (HLTA) will be teaching on a Tuesday.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's happiness and education please feel free to speak with me on the play ground or arrange a phone call via the office.

Many thanks

Mrs Fraser



English

Writing

This half term we will be looking at the book 'The Bear Under the Stairs' and 'Wolves'. We will be writing letters, story re-tells and our own narratives based on text, character descriptions and non-chronological leaflets.

Grammar

We will be getting ready to write by looking at capital letters, full stops, question marks, exclamation marks, recognising common and proper nouns and using conjunctions in sentences.

Spelling

This half term our spelling will be the Year 1 high frequency words. After the half term break we will be having weekly spelling tests, I will send these home, for you to practise, in time.

Handwriting

This year there will be a lot of emphasis on handwriting which we will practise, daily in class. Watch this space for dramatic improvements!

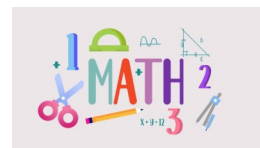
Reading

Reading books will be sent home and it is expected that your child reads regularly, a minimum of three times a week. Please record this in their reading record books and provide an adult signature. We will also have plenty of opportunities in school for them to read to an adult.

Our school library slot is on a Friday afternoon, with our Year 5 reading partners. Your child will have the chance to select a book to read for pleasure. If they wish to change their library book please ensure it is in school on this day.

Maths

We will start the half term by looking at Place Value - counting objects, recognising 10's and 1's, partitioning numbers to 100, writing numbers to 100 in their expanded form, writing numbers on a numberline and comparing objects. We will then move on to Addition and Subtraction - knowing 10 more and 10 less, adding and subtracting 10's and 1's, adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers and recalling fact families.



Science

Animals including Humans - Describe the basic needs of animals (including humans) and the importance of exercise, eating healthy and hygiene.

RE

Creation and Covenant - Pupils will learn about the story of Noah, mainly focusing on God's promise, or covenant, with Noah and with all creatures. A promise that is symbolised by a rainbow. (Genesis 9:15)



PE

PE will take place on a **Thursday** morning and **Friday** afternoon please make sure full PE kit is in school on these days and earrings can be removed

Fundamentals - Building on running for speed and agility, dodging, balancing, hopping, jumping and skipping.

Team Building - Supporting and encouraging others, communication, inclusion, trust, kindness, perseverance, confidence.

Music

Pulse - Singing and playing with a good sense of pulse, demonstrating and understanding of the differences between pulse and rhythm through physical movement, beginning to recognise patterns and respond to visual and aural cues.

Computing

Technology around us - Recognise different technologies in school and home and why they are used.

Online Safety - Digital footprints, keywords, recognise child friendly websites and kind/unkind behaviour, able to review websites.

Geography

Locational Knowledge - Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans. Identify hot and cold areas of the world. Name and locate the four countries of the UK and their capital cities and surrounding seas.

D/T

Food - Design, make and evaluate a smoothie and a fruit salad.

PSHE

Drug education - Identifying different ways to keep healthy, hygiene routines that can stop germs from spreading, understanding how medicines can help people to stay healthy, understanding that household products (including medicines) can be harmful if not used correctly and talking about the people whose job it is to help keep us safe.

Being Healthy - Identifying different ways to keep healthy, recognising foods that support good health, exploring how physical activity helps us to stay healthy and recognising why sleep is important.

Dates for the diary

Thursday 18th September - Whole School Mass - Church - 9.30am

Tuesday 7th & Thursday 9th October - Parents Evening

Friday 17th October - Year 2 Celebration of the Word - School hall - 9.15am

Friday 17th October - School closes for Half Term

