

Year 2 Newsletter - Advent Term 1 2026

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, Mrs Barker (HLTA) will be teaching on a Tuesday supported by Mrs Darlison and Mrs Spiller-Bigley.

The rest of the time it will be myself, Mrs Smith and Mrs Darlison.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's happiness and education, please feel free to speak with me.

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. We will be having weekly spelling tests and attached is a copy of the spelling words for the term for you to practice. After the October half term, our words come from the National Curriculum and the 'Words Their Way' spelling scheme.

Handwriting

This year there will continue to be a lot of emphasis on handwriting which we will practice in class.

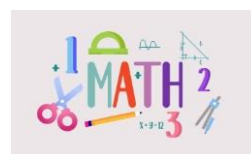
Reading

Reading books will be sent home and it is expected that your child will read regularly, a minimum of three times a week. Please record this in their reading record book and provide an adult signature. There will also be an opportunity for them to be heard in school by an adult, however, due to our packed timetable this time is limited, if anyone is able to volunteer please let me know so we can make the necessary arrangements.

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 number line 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 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 **Wednesday** and **Friday** afternoon please make sure full PE kit is in school on these days and earrings can be removed. Our Wednesday session will be taught by our PE coach.

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

Bring Me - Recognising the different groups we belong to. Identifying everyone's strengths and understanding the ways we are the same and how we are different. Recognising what makes us special and how we are all unique.

Difference and Diversity - Building on what we have learnt in our 'Being Me' topic and discussing how our strengths and interests make us suitable for different jobs. Identifying common features of family life and celebrating how we are all unique.

Dates for the diary

Thursday 17th September - Whole School mass - Church 9.30am

Tuesday 13th & Thursday 15th October - Parents Evening

Friday 16th October - Year 2 Celebration of the Word - School Hall 9.15am

Friday 17th October - School closes for half term

