

Year 2 Newsletter - Autumn 1 2026

Dear parents, welcome to Year 2 and our Autumn 1 newsletter.

We hope that you have all had a wonderful, restful summer holiday, it is lovely to welcome you all back. We are looking forward to a fresh new term and continuing our learning journey. This newsletter outlines all of the learning that your children will be doing during our first half term, we hope that you find it useful.

Miss Masood and Mrs Ali

 English	This half term, Year 2 will be focusing on Poetry and Narrative. We are reading the poem, 'What is Pink?' by Christina Rossetti and the story, 'The Papaya That Spoke.' Our Shared Reading text will be 'Lubna and the Pebble' by Wendy Meddour. Our author of the term is Anthony Browne. https://openlibrary.org/ This is a free online library where you can access a range of books.
 Maths	During this half term, the children will be focusing on Number and looking at place value, as well as addition and subtraction.
 Science	In Science, this half term, the children will be learning about Animals and human needs for survival. BBC Bitesize is a great website for your children to do some extra reading on what they will be covering in science lesson. Year 2 Science - BBC Bitesize
 RE	During RE, we will be exploring What is the good news Christians believe Jesus brings? (Part 1).
 Computing	In Computing, the children will be looking at: Computing systems and networks - IT around us. Learners will develop their understanding of what information technology (IT) is and will begin to identify examples. They will discuss where they have seen IT in school and beyond, in settings such as shops, hospitals, and libraries.
 History	Our first unit of History this term will focus answering the question: <i>How was school different in the past?</i> Children will be finding out how schools have changed over the years and investigating what schools were like in the past as well as expressing their own personal responses to history.
 Art and Design	During Art and Design this term, we will be focusing on teaching children to explore and create maps through various art forms, including drawing, felt making, printmaking, and designing stained glass. The children will develop skills in sorting, designing, and evaluating art, encouraging students to present and discuss their creations in a class gallery setting.
 PE	During this half term, the children will be focusing on dance. PE will take place on Friday mornings, please ensure that your children come to school in their correct PE kits: navy blue or black joggers/shorts/leggings and a plain white t-shirt, and trainers. If children do not attend with the correct PE kit, the office shall call you and request that the correct clothing is brought into school.
 Music	In Music, children will be covering the topic Animals; West African Call and Response. Children will gain knowledge on being able to recognise and name up to three instruments.
Phonics	In Phonics this term, children will spell and read words containing the target sounds. They will also continue to develop their knowledge that a sound can be represented by one or more spelling.
PSHE	In PSHE, this half term, children will be focusing Rules and Expectations, Friendships, Co-operation, Good Manners and Self-image and identity.



Attendance

In order for your child to get the best out of school and maximise their learning, please make sure your child is **on time for school** and comes to school every day. School starts at **8.40am**.

THANK YOU