



Year 2's Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2026

Non-negotiable targets for Year 2

Mathematics

- Count in 2s and 5s from zero forwards and backwards
- Count in 10s from any number forwards and backwards
- Know the 2- and 10-times table
- Know number bonds to 20 (+ and -)
- Know value of each digit in a 2-digit number
- Work out 10 more and 10 less than a given number
- Adding and subtract two 2-digit numbers
- Multiply and divide numbers
- Find of $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ of shapes, objects or numbers
- Apply skills learnt to solve real-life problems

English

- Form letters properly using the school's handwriting policy
- Use full-stops, capital letters, question marks and exclamation marks in own writing
- Use a range of vocabulary including new topic words and adjectives to describe nouns
- Write at least half a page during independent writing and include a variety of sentence starters
- Think about the organisation of writing and begin to sequence ideas carefully
- Spell the tricky words from phonics phases 2-4 correctly and independently in own writing
- Use the rules for spelling plurals and past tense verbs correctly
- Use the phonemes from all phases to make sensible choices when spelling and reading new words
- Read fluently with expression and be able to discuss what has been read to show understanding

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to school and a Happy New Year to you all! We hope you had a fantastic Christmas break.

This half term our topic has changed to '*What was it used for?*'. We will be learning about how the things we use today may have been different in the past, such as how we cook, clean and wash. If you have any old items at home that link to this topic and that the children could look at in class, please send them into school with your child so they can share them with us.

Our science topic this half term is animals and their habitats. In English, our learning will be based on the book *Traction Man*, and in Maths we will begin by learning about money before moving on to multiplication and division.

Homework

We have created a new homework menu with a range of activities you may wish to complete to support your child's learning.

Spellings will continue to be stuck into planners each week. These link to what we are teaching in phonics lessons, so any practice at home will support your child in these sessions.

We will also continue to award certificates for reading at home, so please ensure all reads are recorded in your child's planner.

PE

Our PE days remain **Mondays and Thursdays**. Please ensure earrings are removed (unless children are able to do so independently) and long hair is tied back.

Please come and talk to us if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Miss Smith and Mr Farinazzo