



Curriculum Letter Year 2 – Summer Term 1 2026

General Information

Welcome back everyone, we hope you all had a lovely Easter break. The children have been sharing their holiday news and are ready for more learning and some summer sunshine in the weeks ahead! This term we have an exciting trip to St. Andrew's Church, Forty Hall and Palmers Green Mosque. Please do also have a look through our Knowledge Organisers that are saved on Teams and on our website.

Curriculum

Maths: We begin this term starting our unit on faces, shapes and patterns, lines and turns and the children are broadening their mathematical vocabulary. We will then move on to numbers within 1,000, revisiting place value and exploring 3-digit numbers, followed by measuring capacity and volume, using scales and solving problems involving litres and millilitres.

English: This half term, we will be looking at two texts. Our first is '*Jim and the Beanstalk*' by Raymond Briggs which is an alternative version to the traditional tale of Jack and the Beanstalk. We will also be making links to Science, by growing our own beanstalks! Our other text will be '*The Dragon Machine*' by Helen Ward which looks at the themes of fictional worlds and fantasy.

Science: We will be continuing our science learning with a unit entitled *Little Gardeners*. The children will be learning about what a plant needs to grow healthily and will be planting their own beans. We will also be getting outside to cultivate our allotment area.

History: This term we will be finding out about '*Local Heroes*.' The children will be taught about primary and secondary sources, and we will use these to gather evidence about the past. These sources can be useful ways to gain more information about a person who lived hundreds of years ago. Our significant person is Sir Nicholas Rainton, who was the owner of Forty Hall. We will be visiting Forty Hall House to see documents, paintings and other wonderful artefacts from the time that he lived there.

Design and Technology: Our unit this half term is *Textiles* and the children will be making pouches – these could be a money pouch, a memories pouch to keep photographs and souvenirs in or even a pouch for a character in a book e.g. for Jack to keep his beans in. They will be using a template to cut out two pieces of felt for their pouch and will be learning the skills needed to produce a pouch including threading a needle, tying a knot, how to sew a running stitch and tying the final knot.

RE: This half term, our unit is about *Islam* and specifically looking at the theme of commitment. This will also include a trip to Palmers Green Mosque, where we will hear all about special traditions and the children will be able to put questions to the Imam. More details to follow.

PSHE: This half term we continue our unit on *Family and Relationships*, where we are discussing different families, how friendships can make us feel, stereotypes and also how change and loss can affect us. We will use stories and circle times to ensure everyone feels included and everyone has a voice.



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Computing: Our unit this term is ***We Are Photographers***. We will be using the iPad cameras to take, select and edit digital images. The children will be evaluating their photographs and then learning how to enhance them using the photo app on the iPads.

Class Reads: This half term we will continue to read, *'Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure'* by Alex T Smith, we will also be reading a variety of different texts linked to our English topics.

PE Days

Outdoor PE is timetabled for **Wednesdays** with Coach Kymani. We also have indoor PE on **Tuesdays** where we will be finishing our unit on Gymnastics and learning some folk dances. Indoor PE kits will stay in school. Please continue to practice tying a tie and shoelaces at home.

Reading and Spellings

This half term we will continue to build on and develop our comprehension skills. Please continue to make time to read a range of different stories with your child and for your child to be read to, as well as asking them questions about the story to help with their understanding and comprehension.

The children will also be set a spelling task for homework.

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday on Microsoft Teams and is due in the following Wednesday. Children may also be set homework on MyMaths or Purple Mash, this will be indicated on weekly homework message posted on Teams.

Key Dates

Class Photographs	Monday 20 th April
Church Visit	Thursday 30 th April
School Disco	Friday 1 st May
Bank Holiday (school closed)	Monday 4 th May
Polling Day (school closed)	Thursday 7 th May
Trip to Forty Hall	Thursday 14 th May
Trip to Palmers Green Mosque	Thursday 21 st May
Half Term	Monday 25 th May - Friday 29 th May