



Curriculum Letter Year 2 – Summer Term 2 2026

General Information

Welcome back everyone, we hope you all had a lovely half term break. The children have been sharing their holiday news, and are ready for some exciting learning as we begin our final weeks in Year 2. We have our exciting beach trip coming up, as well as Sports Day, KS1 Pyjamarama and folk dancing on the field!

All classes will be involved in transition days towards the end of term, to meet new teachers and support staff, as well as become familiar with a new environment.

Curriculum

Maths: This term we will continue our unit on *calculation strategies*, solving addition and subtraction calculations using the column method. Our next unit is *multiplicative thinking*, looking at our times tables and the links between multiplication and division. We will then move on to a unit on *measuring capacity and volume*, where we will investigate different units of measure. Finally, we will solve word problems linked to measure using our calculation strategies.

English: This half term, we will be looking at two texts. Our first is *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch* by Ronda Armitage which will be great preparation for our beach trip. We will be writing book reviews, character descriptions, setting descriptions and planning and writing our own versions of the story. Our other text will be *Grandad's Camper* by Harry Woodgate, which has the themes of change and relationships and explores how special things hold memories and form connections to times and events in our lives.

Science: We will be continuing our science learning with a unit entitled **Local Environment**. The children will be exploring our school grounds, looking at habitats and the minibeasts they find there. We will have the opportunity for pond dipping, building a bug hotel and will also learn about food chains.

Computing: Our unit **We are zoologists** will complement our science work as we will be going on a bug hunt and recording and identifying the animals we find in our grounds. The children will organise the data they collect, record it on a spreadsheet and create charts. They will also add images to a local map, using skills they learnt in our photography unit last half term.

History: This half term our topic is **How have holidays changed over time?** The children will explore and discuss similarities and differences between seaside holidays now and in living memory; the 1950s. They will ask family members about their holidays as a child and understand some of the reasons why people's holidays have changed over time. In addition to using a timeline, we will use different sources, including online sources, pictures and artefacts, to find out information about seaside holidays in the past. During this unit, they will be asked to bring in a souvenir from a holiday and we will go on a trip to the beach.

Art: Our unit this half term is **Painting and Mixed Media** and the children will be learning how to colour mix, create textures with paint and make collages.

RE: This half term, our unit is about **Christianity** and specifically why Christians make and keep promises before God. We will be finding out about baptism and exploring promises made in church.



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PSHE: Our final PSHE unit will focus on **Safety and the Changing Body**. We will be discussing how we use the internet, naming different parts of the body and talking about keeping safe with medicines and keeping safe when out and about and when crossing roads. We will finish the term with a transition lesson which will help us to get ready for Year 3.

Class Reads: Across the Year 2 classes we will be reading *Gangsta Granny* by David Walliams. As well as this, we will also be reading a variety of different texts linked to our English and Science topics. For guided reading this term we will be reading and answering questions on *Flat Stanley*, by Jeff Brown.

PE Days

Outdoor PE is timetabled for Wednesdays with Coach Kymani. We also have indoor PE on Tuesdays where we will be learning some folk dances. Indoor PE kits will stay in school. Please continue to practise tying a tie and tying 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 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 the weekly homework message posted on Teams.

Key Dates

Arts Week	Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th June
Sports Day	Tuesday 23 rd June a.m.
PTA Festival on the Field	Saturday 27 th June 1-5 p.m.
Pyjamarama	Thursday 2 nd July
Open Afternoon	Friday 3 rd July
Trip to Chalkwell Beach	Tuesday 7 th July
End of term	Friday 17 th July 2p.m. finish