

Curriculum Letter for Year 2 - Autumn Term 1 2026

General Information

A very warm welcome to Year 2! The children all look very smart and have settled in well. They are becoming familiar with all the class routines and expectations around the school, and they have impressed us with their positive attitude and passion for learning.

Curriculum

Maths: This half term we will be focusing on numbers within 100, which will include writing numbers, partitioning, comparing and ordering numbers. We will move onto addition and subtraction of 2-digit numbers using concrete objects and pictorial representations. We will recall number facts to 20 fluently and show that addition of numbers can be done in any order and subtraction cannot. We will then move on to solving addition and subtraction word problems and explore the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction to check calculations and solve missing number problems.

English: In English we use the Literacy Tree scheme as a basis for our written work. Our texts are three different versions of the traditional tale of Goldilocks. Our first text is *'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'* by Lauren Child and we will be comparing this to *'Me and You'* by Anthony Browne and *'Goldilocks and Just the One Bear'* by Leigh Hodgkinson.

Science: Our first science unit is 'Living Things: Habitats'. This will include learning about how plants and animals depend on their habitats for food and shelter. The children will explore food chains, learn that plants make their own food and practise classifying things as living, once living or never alive, while developing their scientific enquiry skills.

Geography: This half term, we will be examining climate zones and locating hot and cold places around the world.

Art: This half term we will be exploring mark-making using interesting media such as chalk and charcoal. We will be looking at textures and how to express this in our drawings. We will be using our knowledge of mark-making to make observational drawings of a teddy bear.

Music: Our music unit this half term is *'Hands, Feet and Heart'* which is based on a song that celebrates South African music. The children will learn to sing, play and improvise with the song. They will also be learning to play a few notes on the glockenspiel.

RE: Our learning starts by looking at some of the important events in a Christian's life, such as baptism and marriage.

PSHE: This term, our PSHE lessons will be focused on keeping healthy. We will be discussing the importance of healthy food, sleep, exercise and how to look after our teeth.

Class Reads: As well as our texts linked to English, we will be reading a variety of popular children's picture books this half term.



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PE Days

Outdoor PE is timetabled for Wednesdays with Coach Kymani. All children should wear their PE kits to school. We also have indoor PE on Tuesdays. Indoor PE kits stay in school.

Reading

In Year 2, comprehension is a key reading skill which we are trying to develop throughout the year. You can support this at home by discussing what you are reading with your child and allowing them to ask questions when you are reading with them.

Reading aloud is so important at home and we appreciate your support in hearing your child read. Each week your child will either be set an eBook or will be given a colour banded book to read to you. A sharing book, which is chosen by the child but may need to be read to them by an adult, will go home on a Friday. Please return any books sent home by the following Wednesday.

Homework

Please check your child's Teams page every Friday, as this is where homework will be set and explained. Homework is set on a Friday and due in by the following Wednesday. This could include tasks set on MyMaths or Purple Mash - this will be indicated on Teams.

Our Knowledge Organisers for different subjects will be available in Teams under 'Files' or on the school website, so please use these to help support your child's learning. They are a great way to start conversations about what we are doing at school each week.

Key Dates

PTA Bake Sale	Friday 18 th September (after school)
PTA Smarties Challenge starts	Monday 21 st September
PTA Discos	Friday 16 th October
INSET Days	Wednesday 21 st - Friday 23 rd October
Half Term	Monday 26 th October - Friday 30 th October