



Year 2 Autumn 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you have enjoyed your summer break and spent lots of time with your loved ones. I cannot wait to hear what everyone has been up to over the summer. It feels great to be back at school and I am super excited to be your child's new teacher this year!

Reading remains a focus within the school day and we continue to ask for your support with this at home, as much as you possibly can. Children should be reading at least 4 times a week, and please remember to record this in their reading records. It is expected that your child reads and completes a quiz at least once a week if they are on Accelerated Reader (depending on the thickness of the book). Reading diaries will be checked every Monday and the class will have a reading treat at the end of the half term. Only the children who have met their reading target will receive this treat. Children can begin to read independently, however, I would ask that you listen to your child a few times every week and ask them questions to help to develop their comprehension skills.

In English this term, we will cover a range of writing styles. Our fiction writing will focus on rewriting a traditional tale and our non-fiction piece of writing will focus on instructions. We will also develop our skills in performing poetry and dramatising play scripts. Throughout our English lessons, we will develop our grammar skills and embed these into our written pieces. Children will also have weekly handwriting, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension lessons.

Our Maths lessons will continue to develop skills in fluency, reasoning and problem solving, across all elements of the National Curriculum. Children should still be accessing NumBots and they will be introduced to 'Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)' at school. Practising counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10 with your child at home would really support their learning in the classroom.

In our science lessons, we will be learning about animals including humans. We will be looking at what animals need to survive and the importance of humans exercising and eating a healthy diet.

In Geography, we will be looking at what it is like to live in London and Belfast. Throughout our Geography curriculum, children will have the opportunity to expand their skills in using maps, atlases and globes. History this half term will focus on the significant individual Alexander Graham Bell and his achievement of inventing the telephone.

In PSHE, our focus will be on relationships between family and friends and how we can resolve conflicts fairly.

Our PE days are Monday and Tuesday, Mrs Kirk will be teaching these lessons. Just a reminder, that pupils are asked to come to school in their Scholar Green P.E Kits on their P.E days. A P.E kit consists of black shorts/leggings/skort, a Scholar Green P.E T-shirt and trainers. Please do not send your child to school in a football kit/jeans/high heels on their P.E days. P.E T-shirts can be purchased from www.myschoolstyle.com. New guidance for any sport and physical activities requires earrings to be removed completely. Not only is this for the safety of your child but also the other children in their class. Please support us in this and remove earrings before children come into school on their PE days. Please also ensure hair is tied back.

Junior Jam are returning this year and they will be teaching the children music and computing on a Wednesday.

Homework will follow the same format as last year. Children should practise reading and writing the three Year 2 common exception words of the week, which will be sent home with your child during their first week in Year 2. These will also be sent out via SchoolSpider and added to the school website. The three words of the week will be tested in our spell check lesson the following Wednesday. Additionally, children are also expected to spend 20 minutes on Numbots a week. This will be monitored weekly and children will receive certificates for their efforts. In class, the children have been taught how to log onto Numbots and how to use it. Login information can be found in the back of the children's reading diaries.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,
Miss Rigby

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Dates for the Diary

Important dates for Year 2 this half term:

Date	Event
01.09.25	INSET DAY
02.09.25	School Opens
03.09.25	PTA AGM @ 6pm in school. All invited - link to be sent out separately
08.09.25	Homework starts this week
15.09.25	Parent Information Workshop Information Online
15.09.25	After School Clubs Start
26.09.25	Macmillan Coffee Morning – 9:00-10:30am – Head Boy & Girl Team Event
03.10.25	Athlete in School
10.10.25	World Mental Health Day – Yellow Day (Wear yellow to school)
13.10.25	Individual & family Photos
13.10.25	Arts Week
17.10.25	Big Draw Parent Gallery – 2:30pm
24.10.25	END OF TERM
	HALF TERM
03.11.25	INSET DAY
04.11.25	School Opens