



## Year 2 Spring 1 Newsletter 2026 Happy New Year!



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you have had a relaxing Christmas break and have spent lots of quality time with your families.

During English lessons, we will study our author of the term - Emily Gravett. She has written a range of excellent books such as Meerkat Mail, Monkey and Me, and Dogs. A range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry will be taught, and the children will have the opportunity to write a setting description linked to our class study book, Handa's Surprise.

Reading remains a focus within the school day and we continue to ask for your support with this at home. Children should be reading for 30 minutes per day, 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.** We are going to continue to work with the children this term to make them more independent with their reading. Once you have heard your child read, you could encourage them to fill in their own diary and you add the countersignature.

In our maths lessons this half term we will be covering 2 different units of work - multiplication and division, and mass, capacity and temperature. Year 2 pupils must know all the multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10x tables. We will be practising these daily in class through counting and by accessing TTRS however, any support at home with practising multiplication tables on TTRS will support your child's learning in school. The aim is for a pupil's heat map to be 'green' before they move onto any new multiplication tables. Please view <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WqPIaI7hKLA> to learn more about TTRS.

In Science, we will be learning about 'living things and their habitats'. We will look at how animals are suited to their habitat and explore the micro-habitats in our school grounds.

In Geography, we will be learning all about the continents and oceans in the world and locating these using maps and atlases. We will also be undertaking fieldwork within the school grounds and the local area. Our History focus this term is local history. We will be learning all about who Reginald Mitchell is, how he developed the Spitfire plane and it's role within the 'Battle of Britain'.

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](http://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.

As part of our PSHE lessons this half-term, we will be learning about living and belonging to a wider community. We will also be learning about money - how we get it, keep and spend money and talking about 'needs' and 'wants'. It would be really beneficial to your child if you could expose them to you paying for items and talking about the cost of food and items that you buy.

In R.E the children will be moving on from Christianity and our new topic is Judaism. We will be learning about what Shabbat is and what a Rabbi does.

Junior Jam will continue to teach the children music and computing on a Wednesday, and Mrs Stevenson will teach Y2 French.

Homework will follow the same format as last half term. Children should continue to practise reading and writing the three Year 2 common exception words of the week. The words of the week will then be tested in our spell check lesson the following Wednesday. **New spellings for this term will be sent home on the first week back.** 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 maths lessons, children will be introduced to Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS). If your child would like to access this at home, login information can be found in the back of their reading diaries and is the same as their Numbots login.

As it is now the winter months and likely to rain or snow, please can children have a waterproof coat, wellies and spare change of clothing in school at all times.

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

Kind Regards,  
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## Dates or the Diary

Date	Event
05.01.26	INSET DAY
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07.01.26	SCHOOL OPENS
19.01.26	After School Clubs Start
19.01.26	Swimming Pool Arrives at School
20.01.26	Year 6 SATs Meeting – 3:30pm
22.01.25	Reception Visitor in school
TBC	Year 4 to Chester Deva Roman Experience
26.01.26	Swimming Lessons Begin
27.01.26	Year 1 Educational Visit – Stoke City
02.02.26	Nursery Stay and Play Week (parents invited) – 9:00-9:45am (Information to follow)
10.02.26	Safer Internet Day
12.02.26	Reception Book & Brioche
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