



Year 2 Newsletter - Autumn 2



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you have enjoyed your half term and spent lots of time with your loved ones and relaxing. This half term we have lots of fun things planned, including the Christmas production! Information about this will be sent home soon.

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 half term, we will cover a range of writing styles. Our fiction writing will focus on journal writing whilst our non-fiction piece will be an information text. We will also develop our skills in performing poetry and dramatizing play scripts through our Christmas production. Throughout our English lessons, we will develop our spelling and grammar skills and embed these into our written pieces.

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 at home and they will continue to access 'Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)' at school. Practising counting in multiples of 2, 5, 10 and 3 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 also be looking at the life cycles of animals.

In Geography, we will be continuing to look at what it is like to live in London and Belfast. Throughout our geography curriculum, we expand our skills in using maps, atlases and globes.

History this term will focus on the Great Fire of London and we will be linking this with our English work.

In PSHE, our focus will be on the range of feelings that we may have and strategies to manage these, change and loss (including bereavement) and how to stay safe online.

Our PE days are **Monday and Thursday**. 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 will continue teaching the children music and computing on a Thursday, and Mrs Stevenson will continue to teach 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 Thursday. For example, spellings dated 05.11.26 will be tested on 12.11.26. Additionally, children are also expected to spend **20 minutes** on Numbots a week. This will be monitored. 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,

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Dates for the Diary

Important dates for Year 2 this half term:

	HALF TERM
02.11.26	INSET DAY
03.11.26	SCHOOL OPENS
06.11.26	Year 3 & 4 Whitworth Trip
09.11.26	Year 1-5 Assessment Week NSPCC Workshops – Years 2, 5 & 6
11.11.26	Armistice Day
16.11.26- 20.11.26	Anti-Bullying Week EYFS Nursery Rhyme Week
16.11.26	Odd Sock Day- Pupils can wear Odd Socks to school on this day
20.11.26	Children in Need – School Council Event
18.11.26	Reception / Year 5 Trip to the Library
16.11.26- 23.11.26	Year 6 Assessment Week
30.11.26- 02.12.26	Year 6 Robinwood Outdoor Education Residential
04.12.26	Extra-Curricular Programme Finishes
08.12.26	Year 1 & Year 2 Production 1pm
09.12.26	Year 1 & Year 2 Production 1pm & 6pm
14.12.26	PTA Pantomime for children Church Carol Concert 6:00pm – Odd Rode Church
16.12.26	EYFS Production (including nursery pupils)
17.12.26	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day PTA Christmas Disco EYFS & KS1 – 2-3pm

	KS2 – 3-4pm
18.12.26	Year 5 Celebration Assembly END OF TERM