

YEAR 2 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2026

Welcome back to a new school year! This Autumn, we have lots of things to look forward to exploring and learning together. Please find below an insight into what your child will be learning this term. As always, if you would like further information regarding any of these topics or think you may be able to help in any way, please speak to one of the team.



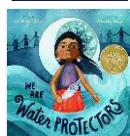
ENGLISH

In English this term, each class will be looking at different key texts to support the development of our writing skills.

Year 2 will be using the following key texts:



The Great fire of London, will allow the children to explore different styles of writing including Poster design, Non-Chronological reports and a Diary entry.



The Water Protectors, explores environmental issues and uses writing skills such as descriptive non-fiction writing, Life cycles and Character description to expand the children's learning.



The Polar Express – The children will write a first person narrative about an imaginary journey to visit Santa Claus in the North Pole.



Phonics– If your child attends a phonics group, listening to them read their RWI phonics book will really help them to make good progress but please remember to share other favourite books too!



Accelerated Reader– Listening to your child read their library book or sharing a different book together each day at home will dramatically improve their reading fluency and also promotes comprehension of the text.

MATHS

In Maths this term all the children will be starting the term looking at Place Value. We will be exploring numbers to 100. In this unit your children will explore counting objects, representing number, Tens and ones, Place value grids, comparing number, ordering number and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. After, we will investigate Addition and Subtraction including: Related number facts, Making number bonds to 100, Adding 2 digit and 1 digit numbers, subtracting a 1 digit number from a 2 digit, Adding 3 1 digit numbers, solving word problems. Following on with Multiplication and Division where we will learn the 2s, 5s and 10 times table, Add equal groups, and multiplication sentences.

SCIENCE



Science lessons this term will focus on Health and Movement and considering how our bodies move and looking at how to keep our bodies healthy.

WIDER CURRICULUM

The Two Great Queens: The children will explore and compare the reigns of Elizabeth I and Elizabeth II focusing on the following Declarative Knowledge:

- Queen Elizabeth I came to the throne in 1558 and the era was the first Elizabethan Era.
- Queen Elizabeth II came to the throne in 1952 and the era was the second Elizabethan Era. She was Queen of the Commonwealth.
- A monarch is the Sovereign Head of State.
- Queen Elizabeth I didn't marry, as she did not want to share power with her husband whereas Elizabeth II did marry and relied on her husband for support.
- Queen Elizabeth I was Protestant and there were only 2 religions in the country at that time compared with Elizabeth II's multi-cultural era.
- Queen Elizabeth I was more involved with the Government than Elizabeth II.
- Queen Elizabeth I ruled in an era when people believed that women were not able to rule as well as men.

P.E.

Children will have weekly PE sessions on Mondays. Outside if the weather is permitting and in the hall if the weather does not permit.