

Life in All its Fullness - Come and See



Year 2

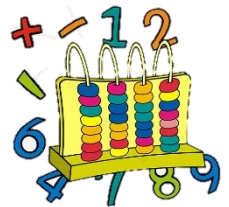
Autumn 2026 Newsletter



Welcome to a new school year and to Year 2. We are all really excited to be back this Autumn and are looking forward to lots of fun and learning. Mrs Handley will be leading the class every day except Friday afternoons when Mrs Healey will be in class. Both will be ably supported by Miss Walton, Mrs Miller and Mrs Porter throughout the week. Forest school will also continue this year on a Wednesday afternoon with Miss Hall.

Maths

Our main focus in the first half term will be the concept of number. We will be exploring and reasoning about numbers up to 100. We will be investigating how numbers can be partitioned in different ways, and the importance of place value. Much of the learning will be supported through the use of special maths equipment before moving on to using pictorial representations to show understanding. After half term, we will start to introduce calculation strategies for addition and subtraction. This will, again, focus on the use of concrete apparatus initially in order to strengthen the children's understanding of these important areas of maths, before moving onto the pictorial methods.



English

This term we will be immersing ourselves in two fantastic books *The Troll* and *The Great Fire of London*. These engaging texts will allow children to explore, interpret and respond to a text, whilst also giving plenty of opportunity to develop writing skills through units that stimulate creativity, and ensure progression in grammar and punctuation skills. This in turn offers a good model for children to develop and write their own rich and engaging stories and fact sheets. Grammar is incorporated into the writing unit but may also take place in standalone grammar lessons. Spelling rules and patterns are taught as separate units but are linked closely to the writing units to allow children to apply new patterns and rules learnt.



Science

Our **Science** unit this half term, is '**Animals Including Humans**'. In this unit, we will look at how different animal groups have their young and how they grow and develop. We will also be looking at the basic needs for survival along with healthy living in terms of eating and exercise.



Geography/History

The first half term will have a Geography focus. The children will become familiar with their own place in the world and how groups of countries form a continent. They will learn the names of the seven continents and the five main world oceans that surround them.

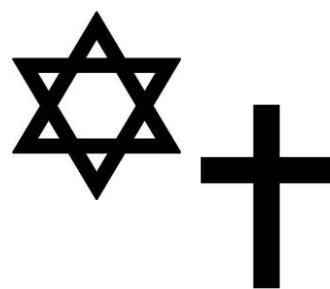
Our History focus, will be 'Important Events'. This will include Remembrance Day, Guy Fawke's attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament and the Great Fire of London.



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RE

This term, the children will explore the concept of 'Believing' through the study of both the Jewish and the Christian faiths. We will investigate core belief systems including repentance and how Christians believe that Jesus is the 'Saviour'. Key festivals from these faiths will also be linked in to show how these core beliefs are recognised and celebrated.



Art and DT

During the first half of this term, we will be exploring the concept and features of structures and the stability of different shapes, culminating in designing and building our own structure; evaluating for stiffness and stability. During Autumn 2, we will be exploring the way clay can be shaped and joined. Children will learn a range of essential skills for working with this medium.

PE

This term, children will have PE on a **Monday** and a **Wednesday**. Please could children come to school wearing their PE kit on these days. PE may be indoors or outdoors, so please ensure your child has a named blue jumper/hoody and jogging bottoms/leggings if it is cold.

This term, the units focus on 'Team Building' and 'Linking' in Gymnastics.



Computing

As always, online safety will be a focus at the start of this term. With the constantly ever-changing landscape of online gaming and communication, it is key that children are kept up to date with how to keep themselves safe. We will also be looking at units to develop effective on-line research and creating pictures through Purple Mash.

PSHE and Music

RHE will continue to be taught throughout the term using our excellent Jigsaw scheme. In the first half term, children will learn about 'Being Me' – what makes them special and unique. In the second half term, we will look at 'Celebrating Difference' and how it is important to look beyond our own experiences. Our Y2 Jiggy character 'Jo' will be there to keep us company along the way.

In music, we use the 'Charanga' Scheme. This term we will be exploring pulse, rhythm and pitch and playing in an orchestra. Music will also take place in our worships and we look forward to lots of singing in preparation for our KS1 nativity (date to be announced – please keep an eye on the newsletter).



Further information

Reading Books: In Year 2 we begin to encourage children to take responsibility for changing and choosing their own books. We would like to remind parents/carers that reading regularly is vital in your child's development, underpinning all areas of life. We suggest each text is read at least twice because this has shown to build excellent fluency in children. Please do record your child's reading on their **Home Learning Record**, it is key for us when reading and changing your child's book.

Homework: When children have the opportunity to practice certain skills at home, it can make a huge impact on their day to day learning in school. Please do support your child with their home learning as much as possible as it does make a difference. Please see their **Home Learning Record** for more detail.

Healthy snacks will be provided for the children's break time daily. Please ensure your child has a **named water bottle** in school each day. Please could **all uniform and bags be clearly named** to help us re-unite lost items.

Mrs Handley, Mrs Healey, Miss Walton, Mrs Miller, Mrs Porter and Miss Hall