Year 2 Newsletter – September 2026

Welcome to Year 2! I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer break. It has been fantastic to see all of the children back in class and ready to learn. We have an amazing term of learning planned and I am looking forward to exploring our geography unit with the class.

City to City - Geography

This term our topic is all about exploring the features we see in a city. We will be learning about the human and physical features in London. We will be thinking about our UK climate and the local wildlife we might come across in our country.
After half term, we will compare what we know about London with the Kenyan city of Nairobi. Along the way we will be revising the countries and capitals of the UK, learning about the seven continents and five oceans on Earth, and exploring how climate patterns contrast between the poles and equator.

Phonics, Spelling and Reading

This term we will be focusing on different strategies that can help us to spell. We will continue our Unlocking Letters and Sounds curriculum and focus on spelling common exception words (tricky words) in our writing.
In reading, we will be looking at texts together as a whole class. We will be focusing on how to become a fluent and skilled reader.

Grammar, Punctuation and Writing

This term we will be focusing on writing well-structured sentences. To do this we will explore, identify and use nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs. We will look at how we can use these word classes to make our narrative writing interesting and descriptive.
We will be focusing on our handwriting and how we present our writing on the page.
The texts we will be exploring are Grandma Bird by Benji Davies and The Tunnel by Anthony Browne.

Maths

In Maths this term we will be learning about place value to 100. We will be partitioning numbers into tens and ones, ordering and comparing numbers. Later in the term, we will focus on addition and subtraction. We will be looking at fact families, number bonds to 100 and how to find ten more and ten less than any given two digit number.

Science

This term we will be learning about living things and their habitats. We will learn about how we know if something is alive or whether it has never been alive. We will look at large habitats and micro habitats. We will compare the habitats and food chains you may find in London and Nairobi. In our classroom, we will create a micro habitat for a woodlouse.

RE

In Year 2 we continue learning about Christianity and begin to find out about Judaism. We learn what celebrations and artefacts are important in both religions.

Art

In painting this term we will be exploring the artwork of a Nigerian artist called Jimboh Buraimoh. We will be using this inspiration to explore how we can use different tints and shades to create a stormscape and fox face.

PE

This term Year 2 will be learning gymnastic skills on a **Tuesday afternoon** and core PE skills in the hall every **Thursday morning.** We will often be outside during PE, even in colder or slightly wet weather, so please make sure your child has joggers and a jumper.

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Homework

Your child will bring home two reading books each week. One book will be for your child to read to you. This book will be to support the phonics we are learning at school. The second book will be for you to share with your child to read for pleasure. Your child will be choosing their books every **Monday afternoon**.

Spellings will be sent home each week on a Monday. They will include either the phonic pattern we have been learning in class or the common exception words from Year 1 and Year 2.

A maths activity will be set every Monday which will revise something we have been learning in the previous week's lessons.

Please get in touch if you have any questions or queries about our class this year. I am really looking forward to an exciting Year 2.

Thank you for all your support

Mr Bailey

Key Dates

24.09.26 – Individual Photographs

09.10.26 – Harvest Festival

07.10.26 – Open Evening for new parents

12.10.26 – INSET Day

14.10.26 – Open Morning for new parents

24 – 01.11.26 – HALF TERM

02.11.26 – Start of Term 2

11/12.11.26 – Parent Consultation Evenings