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## Autumn Term 2025 – Year 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

### ***Our values are Kindness, Courage and Responsibility.***

Welcome back. The children have had an excellent start to Year 2, engaging in learning enthusiastically. Across the year, we have planned many exciting experiences with cross-curricular links and opportunities, which we look forward to sharing with the children. Below is an overview of the different subjects across the curriculum.

#### **English**

This term, we will be reading 'Stardust' By Jeannie Willis and 'Desk Diddler' by Michael Rosen. Then, we will write non-fiction texts, including reports and diary entries, as well as 'The Great Fire of London by Emma Adams.

Our focus this term is securing children's skills in using **capital letters, finger spaces and full stops** correctly in their sentences whilst forming lowercase and uppercase correctly.

#### **Phonics**

We use **Read Write Inc** to teach daily phonics lessons. Children will learn how to blend sounds to read and spell. We will also be learning to read with fluency and answer questions on what we have read, so **reading daily with your child is vital.**

Reading books are available on the **Oxford Owl** website. Please use the login provided to access the reading books.

#### **Maths**

The following topics will be studied:

- Number and place value (up to 100)
- Addition and subtraction (within 100)
- Money
- Shape

Please support your child to learn multiplication tables 2, 5 and 10 on **Times Tables Rockstars** as part of their weekly homework.

#### **Science**

Our topic this half term is 'Animals, Including Humans'. We will be learning about the basic needs of animals for survival. After half term, we will learn about the properties and uses of different materials.

#### **Geography**

Our topic is linked to learning about a contrasting country to the UK, New Zealand. We will locate the UK and New Zealand on a map and learn about the key physical and human features, and compare them to the UK.

#### **History**

We will learn about the Great Fire of London, how it started and how it changed London.

#### **Computing**

We will be learning about the purposes of different parts of a computer. After half term, we will be writing simple algorithms and learning about 'debugging'.

#### **Art**

We will practise our sketching skills and learn to draw self-portraits, focusing on the work of artist Frida Kahlo.

## DT

Our focus this term is making a 'Healthy Fruit Salad'. We will make and evaluate a healthy fruit salad, using a variety of different fruits.

## PSHE

We will be exploring what it means to be a part of a community and thinking about people who help us. After half term, we will learn about health and well-being.

## Music

Our topic is called "Sounds of Africa - Call and Response.' We will be making cross cultural links to the Science topic about animals. After half term, our topic will be 'Myths and Legends', and continue to use music to tell stories.

## RE

This half term, we will explore what it means to belong to a faith community.

## PE

We will be focusing on Games. We will be practising how to play football. After half term, we will focus on Dance.



After half

### Autumn Term - PE timetable


Class	P.E. Day 1	P.E. Day 2
2 Fiji	Wednesday	Thursday
2 Mauritius	Tuesday	Friday
2 New Zealand	Monday	Thursday

Please ensure your children wear the **correct P.E kit** to school on these days:

- navy blue joggers,
- a white T-shirt or polo shirt,
- black trainers or plimsolls,
- **no leggings.**

## Homework

- Children should read for pleasure at least 20 minutes at home **every day**.
- They will be provided with a reading book. Please read the book and comment in the home/school reading booklet.
- Children are expected to bring their **reading books back daily**.
- Complete the phonics homework videos on your spelling homework sheets **weekly**. These RWI videos will help support your child to learn to read.
- Children should also practise learning timetables on Times Tables Rock Stars.

<p><b>Autumn - Term Project</b></p> <p>DT/History: To design a tudor house</p> <p><b>Please can you and your child work together to make a tudor house? Do try to recycle your old boxes and other household materials. Then bring it to school for our class display.</b></p> 	<p><b>Useful Websites</b></p> <p>History: The Great Fire of London <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DSH81ji-uAk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DSH81ji-uAk</a></p> <p>Science: Animals Including humans <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zw24xg8">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zw24xg8</a></p> <p>Maths - timetables practice <a href="https://trockstars.com/">https://trockstars.com/</a></p> <p>Spelling Shed-</p>
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### Reminders

- **Please read with your child each day.**
- **For your child's safety, no jewellery should be worn to school.**
- Ensure your child has their **name inside clothes** such as jumpers, cardigans and coats.
- Children can bring in a water bottle to keep them hydrated throughout the day.

Thank you for assisting your children with their home learning and for your help and support.

Mrs Padhiar/Ms. Wright  
2 New Zealand

Miss Tavsanci/Mrs Pindling  
2 Fiji

Miss Byrue  
2 Mauritius

Mrs Bejaoui  
KS1 Assistant Head