

Year 2 Newsletter – Autumn 2026

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Welcome to Year 2!

The children have made a wonderful start to the new school year and have settled in well to their new class. They are quickly learning the routines and expectations of Year 2, and we are very proud of how positive and enthusiastic they have been. This term we have a busy and exciting time ahead as we begin our *Explorers* topic, and we are really looking forward to getting to know the children even better over the coming year.

In English this term, Year 2 will be taking part in lots of exciting writing opportunities linked to our *Explorers* theme. We will be focusing on the books *Man on the Moon (A Day in the Life of Bob)* by Simon Bartram and *The Snail and the Whale* by Julia Donaldson. The children will write letters to Bob, create a tour guide, and develop setting descriptions. They will also explore the idea of journeys and use this as inspiration to write their own adventure-style stories.



In Maths this term, the children will be learning how to add and subtract using number lines and partitioning strategies. They will also practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s from any given number. Later in the term, Year 2 will be introduced to multiplication, division and fractions, and they will have opportunities to use these skills in problem-solving investigations.

You can support your child at home by helping them to practise their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and using Numbots weekly to practice.



This term our topics will focus on *Famous Explorers* and *My Local Area and Tulum, Mexico*. The children will find out about significant explorers from the past and the impact they had on the world. They will also compare our local area with Tulum in Mexico, looking at similarities and differences in geography, culture and daily life. To support this, the class will take part in a local walk to explore the features of our own area first-hand.

Handwriting focus

The children will be practising forming both capital and lowercase letters correctly and working on writing neatly on the line. We want them to feel confident and proud of their handwriting as they move through Year 2.

Reminders

- **PE** will be on **Mondays and Fridays**. Please ensure children have the correct PE kit in school on these days, ready to be changed into.
- **Reading records** will be checked daily. Reading every day is important, as it not only helps children become more confident readers but also supports their spelling, writing, and vocabulary development, which has a positive impact across all areas of learning.
- **Spellings** are given out on **Fridays** and should be practised each night, ready for a test the following Friday.
- **Homework** is given out on **Fridays** and should be returned by the following **Tuesday**.
- **Reading books** are changed on **Mondays and Thursdays**.

Thank you for your continued support this year. We are looking forward to working together to help your child make great progress in Year 2.