



Year 2 Newsletter - February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a lovely half-term break.

Curriculum

Please find below our new topics for this half-term.

English

We will focus on the book *Up and Down* by **Oliver Jeffers** and a **non-fiction** book called *Red Foxes*. We will be using these texts to inspire our own writing, including descriptive writing, writing our own short stories and non-fiction reports. We will also work on our inference skills and how to show how a character is feeling without explicitly saying so.

Maths

We will start a new unit on **fractions**. The children will find halves, quarters and thirds of different shapes and numbers. They will also identify fractions that are equivalent (e.g. A half = 2 quarters). We will then start a unit on **statistics** - learning how to interpret and construct simple pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams and tables. We will ask and answer simple questions by counting the number of objects in each category and sorting the categories by quantity. We will also ask and answer questions about totalling and comparing categorical data.

Science

Our topic, continuing from the first half of spring term, is **plants**. We will learn about how climate affects plant growth - growing cress in different conditions to demonstrate this. We will also learn about the different types of plants that we eat, and compare different plants.

History

Our topic this half term is **the Shang Dynasty**. The children will be learning about the rise and fall of the Shang Dynasty, what life was like in Ancient China during this period, about important inventions and artefacts, as well as Shang religion and warfare.

Music

Our unit of work is 'Super Humans'. We will be learning to play rhythms with a steady beat, to compose musical patterns and to use symbols to represent sounds.

PE

Our units this half-term are **gymnastics** (Ball, Wall and Tall) and **dance**. Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate clothing and shoes on their PE days. You may wish to put leggings and trainers in your child's bag to change into if they are not already wearing these.

Design and Technology

The children will take part in a D&T day in which we will **create pouches** by joining two pieces of fabric together by using a running stitch.

Reading

Please make sure your child brings in their **reading books and reading journal** on their book changing day. New books will be sent home for them each week. It is important that you continue to read with your child at home regularly.

Your child also has the opportunity to go to the school library once a week. They may borrow a book if they return their previous one on the library day.

Religion and Worldviews

We will continue our unit on why our world is special, exploring ideas about the natural world and our place in it and how they relate to religious and other beliefs. The unit will cover some of the beliefs associated with Christianity, Hinduism, Judaism and Humanism.

Spelling and Handwriting

Each week children will continue to be given 6 spellings to learn by the end of the week. The spellings can be found on ParentHub. We will send home a spelling activity sheet every Friday which children can complete at home. We will practise handwriting three times a week. This half term we will continue focusing on joining certain letters together.

PHSE

Our unit this half-term focuses on **Safety and the Changing Body**. We will be discussing the concept of privacy, exploring ways to stay safe online, learning about road safety, how to be safe around medicines, understanding that we must tell a trusted adult if something or someone makes us uncomfortable, and naming body parts.

Trips and Events

World Book Day

World Book Day this year is on **Thursday 5th March**. We would love to see children dress up as their favourite story character. If you don't have access to an outfit and would like to borrow something from school, then please let your child's class teacher know; they will be very happy to help your child find something to wear.

Poetry Competition: Children will perform their poems in front of their class next week, and then vote for their favourite one. We look forward to hearing the wonderful performances!

Reading Bingo: Children should bring in their completed challenge cards, along with any sponsorship money they have collected, on World Book Day and hand them to their class teacher.

Year 2 Storytelling session with children's author Katie Webber Tsang: We will talk about character, setting, inciting incident and then create a story starter together, which children can then continue themselves.

Author Visit

We are delighted to be welcoming MC Grammar to our school on the 10th March.

MC Grammar will be hosting lively assemblies across the school, packed full of exciting music, rhythm, and interactive games. His performances are designed to inspire children of all ages and nurture a genuine love of reading in a fun and memorable way.

If you would like to purchase a signed copy of his books so your child can further enjoy his work at home, you can do so using the following link:

<https://www.pickledpepperbooks.co.uk/collections/mc-grammar>

If you have bought a copy in store, make sure to bring it in on the day so your child can get it signed.

Hampstead Heath Trip

On the 23rd and 24th April, we will be going to **Hampstead Heath** to take part in a **Habitats** workshop which will include pond dipping and bug hunting.

Children will need a packed lunch on the day of their trip. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need the school to provide a packed lunch for your child. More information to follow!

Dates for your diaries

Friday 13th March – INSET day (school closed for all children).

Thursday 19th March – Year 2 Classroom Visit. We look forward to welcoming you into the classroom from 8.45 to 9.05 if you would like to see the children's artwork and the work in their books.

Tuesday 24th March and **Wednesday 25th March** – **Parent meetings** this term will be taking place between 4-6pm online on SchoolCloud. More details on this to follow.

If you have any questions or queries then please do not hesitate in making an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,
The Year 2 Team