November 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,
Welcome back. We hope you all had a lovely half term!

Curriculum
English – In English we will be using the book ***How to Find Gold*** by Viviane Schwarz to inspire our own writing, identifying and writing adjectives before nouns acting as the subject and nouns acting as the object, using commas and conjunctions to list nouns and adjectives. We will then read the book ***Man on the Moon*** by Simon Bartram. We will identify and write present tense action verbs, maintain a consistent present tense when writing, distinguish between singular and plural nouns, maintain the correct subject/verb agreement when writing with singular and plural subjects, and identify and write prepositional phrases of time that begin simple sentences.

Maths – In maths we will continue to focus on **addition and subtraction**, now using numbers up to 100. Children will learn a number of different strategies which will enable them to add and subtract effectively. The children will use concrete objects and pictorial representations to support their understanding of these core operations of maths. We will then begin a unit on **money**. Children will learn to recognise and count different coins. They will add and subtract money both in pence and pounds. They will also begin to calculate change and subtract money.

Science – In science we will learn about **Everyday Materials**. Children will do a number of different experiments to compare the properties of materials.

History – Our topic this half term is **The Stone Age**. Children will learn what the terms *ancestors, prehistoric*, *hunter gatherers,* and *nomadic* mean. They will learn about cave paintings, Stonehenge and how prehistoric homes were built.

Computing – We will be learning about **algorithms and debugging**. Children will learn how to decompose a game to predict the algorithms, to write clear and precise algorithms, to create algorithms to solve problems and how to use loops in their algorithms to make their code more efficient.

Music – In music, our lessons will be inspired by the piece **'In the Hall of The Mountain King'**. We will experiment with, create, select and combine sounds, identifying and playing multiple rhythms. We will compose new rhythms on a variety of tuned and untuned percussion instruments, responding to the direction of a conductor and playing in time with a pulse.

Religion and Worldviews – We will be continuing our unit called "**Why are some places special?**", looking at special places and stories in Hinduism and Christianity and what they mean to people of those beliefs.

PHSE – **Health and Well-being**: We will continue with our "My Healthy Self" unit, understanding how everyday choices support health and wellbeing by exploring the effects of movement, sleep, food and drink on the body.

Design & Technology – We are planning a D&T day for each Year 2 class, in which we will think about **mechanisms** and build a rotating fairground wheel out of cardboard. We will let you know when these are once we have finalised the dates.

PE – In PE we will finish our gymnastics unit and learn our class **dance** for the school play. Children should come into school wearing clothes suitable for PE. This can be t-shirts, stretchy shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms and trainers. All long hair should be tied back and children should not wear jewellery.

Spelling – Each week children will continue to be given 6 spellings to learn by the end of the week. The spellings can be found on Parent Hub every week. We will continue to send home a spelling activity sheet every Friday which children can complete at home.

Handwriting – We will continue to practise handwriting three times a week. We will start learning how to join two letters together.

Weekly overviews, which give details about what your child is learning in class each week, can be found on Parent Hub.

Home learning
The home learning sheets for maths, English and wider curriculum are posted on our website but do ask if you would like a paper copy. These will give you a clear overview of what we are working on in class with ideas for activities, websites to look at, games to play and things to discuss with your child.

Visit the Classroom will take place on **Friday 27th November** from **8:45- 9:05am**. We hope you can join us.

The School Play
This year the school production will be ***Annie***. Each class will learn a dance and perform it on the stage. Dates to follow!

Dates for your diaries:
Autumn Festival – 14th November (3-7pm) West Playground
Parents' Evening – 18th November (4-8pm) West Hall
Visit the Year 2 Classrooms – Friday 27th November (8:45am – 9:05am)
Winter Concert – 16th December (3.45pm onwards) West Hall
Last day of term & Toy Day – 18th December

If you have any questions or queries do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.
We're looking forward to a happy and busy half term.

Yours sincerely,
The Year 2 team