Year 2 | Autumn Term 1, September 2026

Welcome back to the Summer Term!

Mrs Ayris, Mrs McGlynn and Miss Stone are pleased to welcome you to year 2! The KS1 staff are extremely excited to be getting to know their new classes and it has been a very positive start to the year as children have returned and reconnected with their peers and teachers. There is lots to look forward to this year, including a variety of interesting projects and even some school trips.

Project

This term's project has a geography focus and is centred around an exciting enquiry question that the children will be able to answer confidently by the end of the term: *'What does the world look like and how is it organised?'* Throughout the project, children will learn about the Earth's continents and oceans and compare different locations around the world. They will use maps, atlases and globes to locate places and develop their understanding of how the world is organised.

Maths

In maths, children will develop their understanding of place value within 100. They will use counting to explore number patterns, compare and order numbers, and understand larger and smaller values. Through a range of practical and pictorial representations, they will represent numbers to 99 and use tens and ones to describe and explain their value.

Across the curriculum

In science this term, we are learning about animals, including how to identify and group them as mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians. Children will compare different animals, learn about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores, identify external body parts, and explore the five senses and the body parts associated with them.

Phonics

This term, Year 2 will to focus on Stage 4 sounds. Children will be expected to use their 'sounding out' to blend words to read as well as using their 'segmenting' to break down words to spell them. Children will take part in daily guided reading sessions, 1:1 reading, as well as weekly whole class reading where they begin to learn how to comprehend a text to answer a variety of questions.

Writing

In handwriting, children will focus on forming letters correctly, including accurate starting and ending points and correct letter positioning on the line. In spelling, they will apply their phonics knowledge and recall Year 1 common exception and high-frequency words, before moving on to Year 2 words. In literacy, children will begin by developing sentence structure and then progress to writing longer pieces of text towards the end of term.

Events coming up

09/09/2026 – Meet the Teacher

01/10/2026 – Interrnational festival

02/10/2026 – Y2 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park

22/10/2026 – Last day of term

23/10/2026 – Inset day

Things to remember!

PE Days

On PE days, please send your child into school in their PE Kit.

Badgers: Monday and Wednesday

Squirrels: Wednesday and Thursday

Children should wear a plain white t-shirt and black or blue plain jogging bottoms/shorts

Things to bring

A named water bottle

A coat and waterproof shoes when the weather is wet or cold.

Please note, children **do not** need to bring pens, pencils or stationary.

Keeping in touch

We'd love to hear from you!

Check Class Dojo for updates on what is happening in class or to message us! We love to hear what is happening at home.

Any urgent messages, or messages about absences, illness pick ups or lunches should go through School Gateway or the school office.

Helping learning at home

We know how busy family lives are, and how tired children are at the end of the day. We don't want to add any extra pressure at home, but there are a few things you could do at home to help your child's learning.

Home is a great place to practice reading!
This term, we are focusing on retrieval: try asking your child these questions about their reading: What kind of text is this? Who did…? Where did…? When did…? What happened when…? Why did …… happen? How did……? How many…? What happened to……?

Great mathematicians know their Number Bonds!
Children will be given their login and password to Numbots which is a great way to practise. Soon, we will also be introuding the children to their times table facts and they will have access to Times Table Rockstar where they can practise learning these facts online too.

Talk about their learning!
If your child isn't sure what to share about what they've learnt, use their knowledge organiser to start a conversation or ask about a class post on ClassDojo. 'Tell me more' is a great thing to say to encourage them to share what they've been thinking about.

Homework:
Homework will be set on **Fridays** and brought back to school on **Tuesday**. We know it can be a struggle to get children to work at home. We think hard about activities children should be confident with, and that will help their learning, but talk to us if your child is struggling.

Please get in touch if you have any questions about our learning via the school office or ClassDojo.

The school lunch menu

See the curriculum on our website

School uniform information