Year 2 | Autumn Term 2, November 2025

Welcome back!

Mrs Waldron and Miss Stone are glad to be back with their classes after their first half term! All KS1 classes have had a sneak peek into the brand new projects this week, as well as being introduced to their new topics in English and maths. One of the biggest calendar events will also be happening this term - the Year 2 Christmas Nativity! Children will be begin bringing home lyrics and lines to learn. Children should aim to be off script by Friday 5th December.

Project

This term's project is history. Our project, '*What Makes an Intrepid Explorer?*' will spend time exploring the lives of significant individuals from the past whose achievements leave legacies. Children will link their learning back to the project title, thinking about what characteristics an explorer needs to be intrepid and share who they think was the most intrepid explorer and why.

Maths

In maths, we are moving on to addition and subtraction. Now that children have a strong grasp of place value and number, children will use a mix of physical and pictorial representations, as well as formal written methods to add and subtract 1 and 2 digit numbers. Children should be able to recall their number bonds to 10 and 100 and use these to assist their mental maths. For example, 8+2=10 so 40-8=32.

Across the curriculum

In science this term we are continuing to learn about animals, including humans. Children will notice that animals have offspring which grow into adults, find out about and describe the basic needs of animals for survival and describe the importance of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene. In PE, we will be focusing on cooperation. Children will be able to define cooperation, recognize the benefits of working together as a team and identify situations where cooperation is required during physical activities.

Phonics

Later this term, Year 2 will move on to learning their Stage 5 sounds. Stage 5 teaches children multiple alternative letter groups for the sound. As usual, children will bring their phonics sheets home on a Friday to practise with adults. (Please take these sheets out of your child's reading wallet and keep at home for your reference to support your child's learning.)

Writing

In handwriting this term, children will begin joining their letters, developing their cursive handwriting! Spellings may still be mostly phonetical, using their taught sounds from phonics. Now that we have revisited our Year 1 tricky words, we will begin learning our year 2 words both in class and in our weekly homework. In literacy, children will be writing a series of diary entries based on Jill Murphy's books, *Whatever Next!* all about Baby Bear's journey to the moon!

Events coming up

11/11/2025 and 12/11/2025 – Parent's Evening

14/11/2025 – Children In Need

28/11/2025 – Roving Books visit

05/12/2025 – Christmas Bazaar

17/12/2025 and 18/12/2025 – Nativity performances

19/12/2025 – End of Term

Things to remember!

PE Days

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

Badgers: Tuesday and Thursday

Squirrels: Thursday and Friday

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

Things to bring

A named water bottle

A healthy snack eg. a cereal bar or piece of fruit

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

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

Help us reunite lost items with their owners: name everything!

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 have been given a login and password to Numbots which is a great way to practise. Looking to beat the clock? Have a go at Hit the Button! (just type it in to google).
We use White Rose to teach maths, and they have advice here: Maths with Michael | Michael Underwood | White Rose Education

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