

Year 2 Curriculum Letter – Summer 2 2026

This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes, Year 2 Team

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Topic

This term children will be focusing on 'Australia'. We will discover interesting facts about Australia. They will locate Australia on the map as well as its states, using a compass. Children will begin to understand that different Australian states and territories experience different weather systems. They will learn the seasons in Australia are opposite times of the year to the UK and describe the similarities between Christmas in the UK and a part of Australia.

English (reading and writing)

In English Year 2 will be building on their literacy skills learnt last term as they explore the text 'Dear Earth'. The text is about Tessa's imagined travels, children write a script for a travel vlog. At the end of the story, children are challenged to think about and discuss the problems and solutions the planet faces and will write a persuasive speech encouraging the public to look after the environment. Children will use all the skills and vocabulary covered to write their own extended informative leaflet about protecting the environment. Children will finish with a letter to the earth, using Tessa's letter from the text and celebrating their own dreams and aspirations. During reading sessions, the children will either read with a teacher or TA 1:1 and take part in a guided reading group. Year 2 will develop skills such as making inferences, clarifying and making links between different texts. All children will receive daily phonics sessions or spelling lessons. We will be continuing our Reading for pleasure session with parents on Monday mornings between 3-3:30.

Maths

In Year 2 the children will be learning about time. Children will learn to read an analogue clock and tell the times to o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. We will then go on to 5-minute intervals past and to the hour. After time we will be looking at statistics and representing data through pictograms.

Science

For science this half term, we will be looking at plant materials. Categories of plant materials include grasses, rushes, barks, woods, gourds, stems, roots, seeds, and leaves. These materials can be used to construct baskets, netting, cordage, and even fabrics. Common production methods include felting, knitting, knotting, coiling, plaiting, and weaving, to name a few. We will experiment and to decide, design and create sustainable plant pots.

Music

The children we been continuing their weekly Music lessons with a specialist Music teacher. KS1 will continue to identify high and low notes while creating their own rhythms and exploring different musical instruments. We will be learning a variety of songs and practice them.

Art/DI

Art and DT will be taught through our Topic as we learnt and discover aboriginal art. We will learn the history of aboriginal art, looking at artist's work and use patterns and dots as inspiration.

P.E.

The children will receive two P.E. sessions a week – once with a specialist P.E. coach from the London P.E. network and once with their class teachers. This half term we will focus on Games- Throwing towards a target. **Please make sure PE kits are brought into to school on Monday and they will be taken home on a Friday.** Throughout the school year pupils will have opportunities to take part in other specialist sessions like dance and yoga which will be at different time to their PE day so please always have their Kits in school. P.E. will take place on the following days:

Tuesday and Thursday – Earth

Tuesday and Wednesday - Mars

Key Dates

Year 2

9:00 - 9:30 - Phonics/ Reading Groups
9:30 - 10:20 -English/Maths
10:20 -10:40 - Break
10:40 - 11.00- Phonics/ Reading Groups
11.00- 12:00 - Maths/English
12:00 - 13:00 - LUNCH
13:00 - 13:30 - Handwriting
13:30 - 15:00 - Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE
15:00 - 15:30: Story, Pupil of the day and Ready for home.

Assembly takes place on Monday Morning and Friday mornings. Separate assemblies may take place to mark special events or occasions in the school calendar.

Wb 8th June: Phonics screening check yr 1 and 2 retakes
Wb 22nd June: Grange Poetry week
2nd July : House winners trip KS1 + KS2
WB 6th July: Art Week
9th July: prize assembly
9th July: reports
10th July: Carnival and Summer Fair
13th July: Meet new teachers
15th July: Class parties
16th July: Last day- school closes at 2pm