

YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER SUMMER 1 2026

Please note that this overview may be subject to change if unforeseen circumstances arise.

ENGLISH	In English, we will look at the life of Amelia Earhart and write a biography of her life. We will also look at some familiar stories such as <i>The Gruffalo</i> and <i>The Gruffalo's Child</i> and write our own versions. Near the end of the half-term, we will study the poem 'From a Railway Carriage' by Robert Louis Stevenson.
MATHS	At the start of the half term, we will be learning about fractions. We will be recapping halves and quarters as well as learning about unit and non-unit fractions. Towards the end of the half term, we will be looking at time. We will be learning to tell the time in five minute intervals.
SCIENCE	In Science, we will be learning about animals (including humans) and looking more in depth at life cycles. The children will investigate what living things need to survive and be healthy. They will also describe the basic needs of living creatures.
COMPUTING	In our Digital Photography unit, children will learn to recognise that different devices can be used to capture photographs and will gain experience capturing, editing, and improving photos. Finally, they will use this knowledge to recognise that images they see may not be real.
ART	Andy Goldsworthy will be our inspiration this term for Art. We will be investigating how he uses natural materials (rocks, leaves, sticks etc.) to create sculptures. Our final piece will be a collage inspired by our group Land Art creations.
HISTORY	In History this term, we are going to be looking at flight. We will be finding out about the first aircraft and using our skills as historians to discover how the Wright Brothers changed history.
MUSIC	In music this term, we will be exploring songs that celebrate friendship. We will focus on keeping time, improvising, and honing our singing skills.
PE	For indoor PE, the children will be doing dance. The children will start athletics in Outdoor PE and will be focusing on running.
RE	We will be learning about and discussing some important stories from the Old Testament. The children will describe a range of possible meanings from the stories and if they may mean different things to different people.
PSHE	For PSHE, we will be looking at respecting different views. The children will discuss and learn about different foods, customs, traditions and Fair Trade.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

HOMEWORK:

Spellings - These are tested every Monday, and a new set will be given out for the children to learn at home.

Reading - Children are expected to read at least 5 times, on 5 separate days. These **MUST** be recorded in the reading diary. If children have not read 5 times, they will need to join the Reading Club on Monday, at break time. Please note, reading books and diaries must be returned to school every day as these are checked regularly throughout the week. The reading week runs from Monday to Sunday.

Maths - Children are expected to complete at least 5 minutes of Numbots each week. Once they have achieved their activity goal of 5 minutes, a target will appear on the screen. Please ensure children can log in and do their 5 minutes. If children do not do their Numbots, they will join Number club on a Thursday at break time.

OUTDOOR LEARNING:

Rutherford Class has Outdoor Learning on Mondays. Volta class has Outdoor Learning on Tuesdays. Please ensure your child comes to school with a change of clothes and appropriate footwear. As the weather is changeable at this time of year, please make sure children have appropriate clothing to allow them to participate fully in the lesson. This includes waterproofs, a change of shoes and warm clothes to change into for the lesson. If the weather becomes warmer, a sunhat and suncream will also be needed.

PE:

Rutherford has PE on Wednesday and Thursday.

Volta have PE on Wednesday and Friday.

We will be doing inside and outside PE this half term. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on their PE days. As the weather gets colder, they will need a t-shirt, jogging bottoms, a warm fleece or hoodie (black or blue please; no bright colours) and plimsolls or trainers. If your child wears earrings, please provide tape, so that these can be covered during PE lessons.

DIARY DATES:

Monday 20th April	Rutherford Class trip to the cinema (<i>See letter for details</i>)
Thursday 23rd April	Volta Class trip to the cinema (<i>See letter for details</i>)
Friday 24th April	Deadline for MK Young Artist competition entries into school
Thursday 7th May	Movies and Munchies (<i>See upcoming Newsletter for details</i>)
Friday 15th May	Year 2 trip to Rushmere Country Park (<i>Details to follow</i>)
Friday 22nd May	Last day of term (<i>Finish at 3.10pm</i>)

Thank you for your continued support.
The Year 2 Team