

YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN 1 2026

Welcome back to school and our first half-term in Year 2! Our topic this half term is **Traditional Tales**.

English	We will be reading lots of traditional tales and alternative traditional tale stories. The children will explore some common themes before writing their own story and poem. They will explore how to use adjectives to improve their writing along with reinforcing basic grammar and punctuation. Later this half term, we will write instructions linked to our Science topic.
Maths	The focus in Maths will be on understanding place value and addition. Our maths target is to partition two digit numbers into tens and ones. The target test will be every Friday during our maths lesson. Please support your child to practise regularly, so they can progress confidently through the different levels of this target.
Science	The children will be learning about the ideal conditions needed for plants to grow. We will discuss the big question...."What makes a plant a plant?" They will learn to name the parts of common trees and plants as well as identifying which plants can be eaten.
Computing	The children will explore information technology at school and beyond. This will include settings such as shops, hospitals and libraries. They will investigate how information technology improves our world and learn about using information technology responsibly.
Art	Our topic this half term is Colour Chaos! Children will start by researching how some famous artists use colour before learning about primary and secondary colours. They will experiment with mixing colours to produce paintings in the style of the artists studied.
PSHE	The children will be learning about noticing thoughts and feelings, different kinds of distractions, and how to manage reactions and responses. We will also look at the PANTs rules
Geography	There will be opportunities to find out more about our local area and how it fits into the wider world. Children will be looking at maps and aerial images of the United Kingdom. They will learn to locate and identify the four countries in the UK and their capital cities. We will also take a short walk around our local area following a simple map and spotting human and physical features.
RE	We start this half term with the core unit - What do religions and worldviews have in common? We then move onto thinking about the beliefs and values that are important to us and link this specifically to Hinduism. If there are any parents who would be willing to come in and talk to the children about Hinduism, we would love to hear from you.
Music	This half-term we will be exploring pulse, rhythm and pitch as we listen, sing, play and dance to the different songs explored in this unit.
PE	During Games lessons, the children will be practising multiskills through games and activities. In indoor PE, they will be learning to develop their gymnastic skills.

WATER BOTTLES / SNACK: Please send children to school with a bottle of water, clearly labelled. This will be sent home every day to be returned the following morning. Children should come into school with a suitable snack to have at breaktime (fruit, vegetables, yoghurt, cheese). Please make sure these are clearly labelled.

HOMEWORK: We will continue to set weekly spellings which will be issued every Tuesday. Children will be tested in school the following Tuesday. Maths homework will be sent out on Fridays and will be due on the following Wednesdays. Part of the Maths homework expectation is playing weekly games on Numbots. The login will be on the inside of your child's reading record. We will continue to have a Maths target each half-term. This will be assessed weekly, so please ensure your child practises regularly at home.

PE: Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on their PE days. They will need suitable footwear such as plimsolls or trainers. Jogging bottoms, shorts, sweatshirts or hoodies **MUST** be blue or black. No bright colours or football shirts please. Children may wear their school jumper or cardigan. If your child wears earrings, please provide tape so that these can be covered during PE lessons.

PE days:

Rutherford - Tuesday and Thursday

Volta - Tuesday and Friday

READING: Please ensure you read each day with your child and record this in their reading record. Reading books will be changed twice a week, please ensure that you child has their reading book and reading record in school every day.

Thank you for your continued support.
The Year 2 Team

