



Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn 1—2026/2027



Notices and Reminders

Remember to bring in the following daily please:

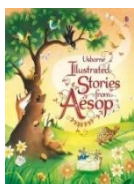
- Water bottle
- Reading book and diary

Also remember:

- Come to school dressed in your PE kit on your PE day: **Tuesday**

Reading

In reading this half term, the children will begin reading 'Aesop's Fables'. In their reading lessons, they will look at some new vocabulary words they encounter in more detail, answer comprehension questions and discuss the morals of the stories. The children will look at the features of fables and the literary techniques used in the writing.



Key dates

14th September – clubs start

15th September – Meet the teacher (straight after school)

22nd September @7pm – Parent talk online about 'Smartphone free childhood' (details to follow)

30th September – school photos

9th October - Harvest assembly

13th October - Parents' evening

15th October – Parents' evening

19th – 30th October - Half-term

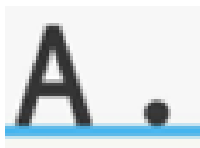
13th November – Children in Need

10th December – Sponsored reindeer run for Phyllis Tuckwell

18th December - End of term

Writing

In writing this half term, the children will immerse themselves in a journey tale through orally retelling the story. They will then use their deep knowledge of the story structure to create their own version. Throughout the cycle, the children will be exposed to a range of skills that will help them develop their writing.



Maths

In maths this half term, the children will learn to recognise the place value of each digit in two-digit numbers. They will count in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10 forward and backward and will start to identify and estimate where numbers are placed on a number line. They will also read and write numbers to 100 in numerals and words and compare them using the <, > and = symbols. They will then start on the addition and subtraction unit.



Science

In science this half term, the topic is animals, including humans. The children will focus on the life cycles of animals and humans. They will find out about the basic needs of animals and humans, and will describe the importance for humans to exercise, eat the right amounts of different types of food and have personal hygiene.



History

In history this half term, the children will learn to think like historians, discovering what life was like in the Victorian Era. They will be learning about Queen Victoria, the Industrial Revolution, inventors and their inventions, and what life was like for children during this time in history.



Art

In art this half term, the children will be learning how to draw in the style of Pablo Picasso. The children will learn to draw using lots of different skills including shading and hatching. The children will learn about the artwork of Pablo Picasso and Cubism before creating their own portraits inspired by what they have learned.



PE

In PE this half term, the focus is on invasion games, working specifically on developing football skills. The children will explore dribbling, turning in different directions as well as learning how to lose an opponent and create space to score a goal!



RE

This half term in RE, the children will be looking at why Christians celebrate Christmas. They will be looking at the similarities and differences of Matthew and Luke's account of The Nativity and what the key differences are. They will then look at who Mary and Joseph were, who visited the manger and why Mary and Joseph took Jesus to Egypt.



PSHE

This half term in PSHE, the children will focus on recognising they all have similarities and differences. They will explore their interests, inside and outside of school, touch on mental health and then explore physical differences - for example- height and hair colour; before finishing the term on their different personality traits.



Homework

Please hear your child read at least **5 times a week**. This is one of the most effective ways you can support their learning. Regular reading helps children develop fluency, build vocabulary and grow in confidence as a reader. Just 10 minutes a day will make a huge difference. Thank you.

Suggested books for reading

