



Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn 2—2026/2027



Notices and Reminders

Remember to bring in the following daily please:

- Water bottle
- Reading book and diary

Also remember:

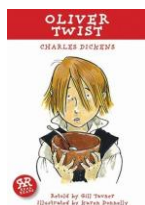
- Come to school dressed in your PE kit on your PE day: **Tuesday**

Reading

This term the children will be reading 'The Secret Garden' by Frances Hodgson Burnett.

They will be focusing on reading with fluency and understanding vocabulary.

The class reads will be 'Oliver Twist' by Charles Dickens and 'The Dark' by Lemony Snicket.



Key dates

November

•13th - Children in Need – 'wear your own clothes day' for a donation

•23rd – Y2 Victorian Day

•24th – Pied Piper Theatre Show

December

•4th – Christmas Disco

•10th - Sponsored reindeer run for Phyllis Tuckwell

•10th Christmas school lunch & Christmas jumper day

•11th Y2 – Pantomime at Princes Hall, Aldershot

•14th - Carols around the tree

•18th - End of term

January

4th – spring term starts

Writing

In writing this half term, the children will finish retelling Kassim and the Greedy Dragon before moving on to an instructional text, How to Trap a Dragon. Throughout the unit, they will explore and apply a range of skills to further develop their writing.



Maths

The children will continue to master addition and subtraction skills. They will learn to add and subtract across a multiple of ten and solve problems with two-digit numbers. They will then learn about shape which will include investigating 2D and 3D shapes including vertices, sides, faces, edges, patterns and symmetry.



Science

This half term, the children will be learning why exercise and hygiene are important for our bodies. They will then learn how they can conserve energy at home and at school, focusing on their research skills. They will also be looking at renewable and non-renewable resources and how they can conserve materials.



History

This half term, the children will continue learning about the Victorian Era, focusing on what life was like for children. They will have the opportunity to compare their own lives with the living conditions of children during the Victorian Era.



DT

In DT this half term, the children will be learning how to make a stable structure by building a chair that will be suitable for Baby Bear. They will be learning about the key features of a stable structure, as well as how to construct, test and evaluate it.



PE

The focus in PE this half term will be on **dance**. The children will explore movement in a variety of ways, experimenting with different speeds, levels and body positions. They will develop their coordination, creativity and control and then begin to combine these movements to create a complete dance routine inspired by the theme of toys.

Computing

This half term, the children will learn what a photo is and how to take a great photograph. They will find out the difference between a photograph and a digital image, as well as how photographs and digital images can be stored. They will also explore composition, light and how to edit photographs to make them even better.



PSHE

This half term, the children will learn about positive friendships and the qualities of a good friend, including kindness, honesty and respect. They will explore ways to make friends, understand that friends can be different, and learn how to resolve disagreements. The children will also learn who they can talk to if they need help.



Home learning

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

