



Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn 2—2024/2025



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

Key dates

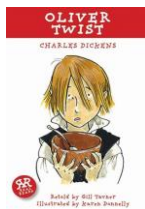
- **Weds 27th November** - deadline for booking Christmas lunch
- **Mon 9th December 9.00am** - Rocksteady concert for any children who take part in Rocksteady lessons
- **Weds 11th December** - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
- **Fri 13th December** - Yr 2 trip to see the pantomime at Prince's Hall, Aldershot
- **Fri 20th December** - *end of term, finish at 1:30pm*
- **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - Monday 23rd Dec - Fri 3rd Jan**

Term dates can be found on our website here: <https://www.hale.kite.academy/news-and-events/term-dates/>

Further dates will be added in due course.

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.



Writing

In writing this half term, the children will immerse themselves in a warning tale through orally retelling the story. They will then use their deep knowledge of the story structure to create their own version of Kassim and the Dragon. Once complete, the following text will be an instructional text (How to Trap a Dragon). Throughout the cycle, the children will be exposed to a range of skills that will help them 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 learn 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 also have the opportunity to compare their own lives with the living conditions of children during Victorian Era and how life was different for the rich and poor.



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.



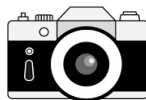
PE

This half term the focus in PE changes to dance. The children will be experimenting with moving at different speeds and different levels using our body in a range of challenging ways. They will then begin to put together a complete routine based on the children learning to move like toys.



Computing

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



PSHE

This half term the children will learn the characteristics that contribute to positive and healthy friendships, including kindness, trust, and respect. They will explore good ways of making friends and finally, how to befriend someone who may be feeling lonely or shy.



Homework

- 5 reads a week
- 10 minutes of online multiplication times tables practise each week using Times Tables Rock Stars
- One task (or more) each half term from the home learning sheet sent out for your year group

Suggested books for reading

