



Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2026/27



We hope that you all had a wonderful, well-earned Summer break! This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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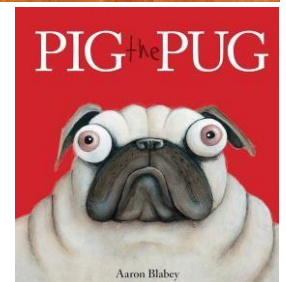
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Geography - Our topic this half term is Oceans and continents - Pirates!

We will learn about the continents and oceans of the world as well as using directional language to describe a journey. To get inspired we are having a 'Dress like a Pirate' day on Monday 13th September.

You will also be receiving this term's **topic homework and knowledge organiser** via email.



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English - Our first unit of writing this half term will be based around the book *Pig the Pug* by Aaron Blabey. During this unit we will revisit key skills from Year 1, namely the correct use of punctuation, accurate letter formation and writing sensible sentences. The themes we will draw out from the book are those of sharing and collaborating.

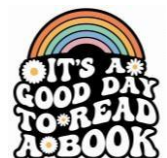


After this, we will look at *Pirate Cruncher* by Johnny Duddle. Through this text, we will revisit rules for the past tense as well as beginning to look at the use of apostrophes in contraction and possession. We will begin to teach children to extend sentences through the use of coordinating and subordinating conjunctions. We will produce letters and diary entries that focus on the use of the first person.

To support the children's English, we will begin using our spelling programme, Pathways to Spell. This will involve revisiting sounds learnt in year 1 and exploring new spelling rules, with a focus on the application of these in children's writing.

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Reading – One of the most effective ways you can support your child with their academic progress and development, is through reading together regularly. Your child will receive a book from school which they should look after, and bring into school each day.

Children should be reading at home each day, preferably with an adult, for 20 minutes. Please sign your child's reading record each day to show they are reading regularly and so they can earn rewards in school. Please note, there is a £5 charge for lost books.



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Maths - We will begin this half term by focusing on place value. In Year 2 we learn the numbers up to 100 and understand their composition. Children will be able to partition numbers in different ways and count in 2s, 5s and 10s. Having secured place value, we will move on to addition and subtraction including adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers with exchanging.

You can support your child at home by asking questions about two-digit numbers such as how many tens and how many ones as well as practising fast recall of facts such as number bonds to ten and twenty and one more/less and ten more/less than any number to one hundred.



Don't forget to log on to Times Tables Rockstars
<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>

Science - We will be looking at 'Animals, including Humans' this half term. We will be focusing on how to keep ourselves healthy, the importance of exercise, eating the right kinds of foods, and hygiene.



R.E - Year 2's big question for the year is 'Why did Jesus tell stories?' This half term we will be looking at Christianity and learning about the stories Jesus told.

P.E - This term we are learning gymnastics and fundamental movement skills.

All children **must bring** their PE kit into school on the specified days. PE kit should consist of plain navy, black or grey bottoms (leggings, shorts or tracksuit bottoms), a white school t-shirt or blue t-shirt and trainers. This should be worn with a school jumper or cardigan.

2TR	Tuesday	Friday
2VH	Wednesday	Friday

P3HE - This half term, we will be learning about keeping our bodies healthy using exercise and by making informed food choices. We will also learn about what happens to our bodies as they grow.

Music - This half term, Southwark Music Service will be delivering our weekly music sessions and singing assembly.



Computing - This half term, we are learning about digital photography. We will be learning about how best to take a photo using a digital device.

On behalf of the year 2 team, we look forward to getting to know you and your children.