

Year 2

Curriculum Information - Term 1 2026



Welcome to Year 2

**Meet the teacher for parents will take place
on
Monday 14th September at 9am.**

Welcome back! We are very excited to have your child learning with us in Year 2 this year, and are looking forward to a fantastic year.

The Year 2 team are :

2 Jade: Miss. Weis

2 Olive: Ms Ricketts

Working between both classes will be : Ms Christine, Ms. Jusna, Ms Diana

We will be learning:

English

In the first two weeks of the school term, we will be revisiting our writing targets. This is to remind children of their spelling, punctuation and grammar. Later on we will be reading *Frog and the Stranger*, pupils will have the opportunity to take part in a range of activities and will then write all about these experiences. We will be focussing on creative writing and using correct punctuation. Please support your children with finger spaces, capital letters and full stops if they are forgetting these when doing their homework.

Mathematics

Children will be working on their basic number skills. They will be ordering numbers up to 100, adding numbers by counting on and working on understanding place value (tens and ones). They will be introduced to lots of different maths vocabulary (e.g. more/less than, numbers in between, greater than). Children will also be learning about how to problem solve and reason. We will then move onto addition and subtraction.

Number Sense:

To help pupils improve their mental arithmetic calculation, we will be teaching daily 'Number Sense' lessons to help them become more confident mathematicians. The sessions will focus on memorisation and practice. They will look for rules and then apply this, and with regular practise, will become quicker at recalling their key facts.

Science

This term we are learning about materials. We will learn how to identify what material an object is made from and what different materials are best used for. We will think about how we can help stop plastic pollution and find out about what new materials have been discovered.

History

This term we will begin learning about The Great Fire of London. This is an exciting topic that helps the children understand more about how events of the past have helped shape London into what it is today.

Art

Our art topic this term will be 'Explore and Draw'. We will introduce the idea that artists are collectors: they go out into the world, look at things in new ways and use this to inspire their artwork. We will explore observational drawing and experimental mark making to create a range of different artworks.

Music

This term we will be learning the song 'Tony Chestnut', adding actions as we sing. We will practise playing the song on percussion instruments and create our own call-and-response music.

Computing

We will begin this term by looking at the importance of staying safe on the internet. Children will explore technology and look at how we use it at school, at home and beyond. Children will learn about how technology enhances our lives and how to use it responsibly.

Physical Education

In our games sessions, we will learn how to dribble a ball using their feet in order to keep control and possession of it. In PE, the focus of the learning this term is team-work. Pupils will understand why it is important to include everyone when working as a team and how it feels to be left out. Pupils will start to learn and understand what makes an effective team.

Religious Education

We will be learning about rules in a community. Is the world a better place because we have rules? We will begin the unit by talking about rules at school and the importance to have them. We will then move onto discussing rules we have at home and in our community.

Personal Social Health and Citizenship Education

Children will learn to identify and name an array of different emotions, what may cause them and how best to handle them. They will explore ways to support others and will find out how and when to seek adult support. We will also celebrate children's own gifts and talents.

Homework

Spelling - will be given out on **Wednesday**. Spellings will be tested the following week on **Wednesday**. Please make sure your child practises their spellings every day.

Reading – Your child will be given a book to read with an adult EVERY **Wednesday**, This must come back by **Monday**. **Please listen to your child read and ask them questions about their reading.** In your child's reading record, there is a section where you are able to make a comment about your child's reading. Please write a short comment as this will help the teacher to better support your child.

This is a very important part of their learning.

Numbots and Bugclub – We will discuss this at meet the teacher.

Maths and Literacy – Will be handed out on a **Wednesday** and returned by **Monday**.

PE Kit

Your child needs to **wear a PE kit to school** on the following days:

Games – Thursday for all classes.

P.E – Tuesday for all classes.

Please make sure they are wearing the correct PE kit:

- White Gateway PE t-shirt
- Black shorts or tracksuit bottoms (no leggings) and black jumper
- Plain black trainers

All of the Year 2 team are looking forward to an exciting and hardworking year ahead with your children and we thank you in advance for your support.