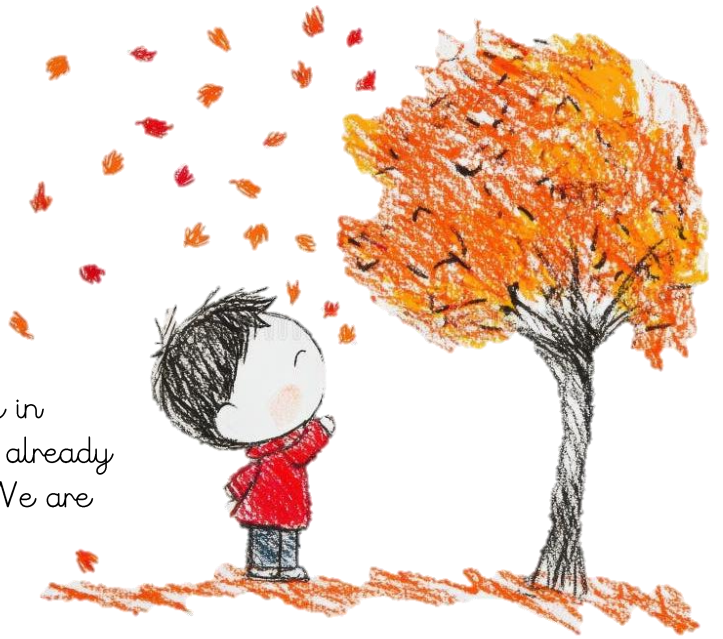


Year 2 Learning

Autumn 2026

Welcome to Year 2!

It's been so lovely to see your children come into school with such excitement and big smiles. They've made a fantastic start settling in beautifully, showing kindness to one another and already bringing such joy and energy to our classrooms. We are really looking forward to all the fun, learning and adventures ahead!



Autumn Term Topic - Create Is it better to stand out or fit in?

Building on Year 1's topic, 'Can one person change the world?' In the Autumn term we will be thinking about how we can stand up for what we believe in, using art. As part of our learning, we'll be thinking about how each child is created to shine with their own unique gifts, ideas and voice. We'll be learning about how people use art and creativity to share kind messages and make a positive difference in the world. Through stories, discussion and creative activities, the children will reflect on how sometimes standing out can be a brave and beautiful way to help others, while also learning how to work together and show kindness in community. It's a thoughtful journey that encourages each child to shine their light, just as they are.

Art Learning

We will be learning about the 7 elements of art, known as 'Big ideas' to analyse artwork by a range of artists. For example, we will look at artists such as Yayoi Kusama, Andy Warhol and Evelyn Nicodemus, who use lots of colour and a variety of different mark making within their work. Our main focuses will be 3D art, printing and digital media. At the end of our project, we will put together everything we have learnt to SHINE SHOW! More details on this to follow. We will think deeply about the big question and exploring how each of us is special in our own way and how the world becomes a brighter, kinder place when we shine our light to help others and when we celebrate what makes us different.

Shine



English Learning

In English, we will use a range of wonderful books as a stimulus for our writing such as "Giraffes can't dance" and "Every child a song" and will explore big ideas such as being true to themselves, using their unique voice and thinking deeply about whether it is better to stand out or fit in, all while developing key reading, speaking and writing skills. As the festive season approaches, we dive into the magic of storytelling, creating our own Christmassy, enchanting tales that bring imagination and wonder to life.

- We will continue to focus on the basic composition of writing a sentence remembering punctuation and handwriting.
- We will use a variety of conjunctions to join ideas together, to add reasons
- We will learn 'Tricky Witch' sounds such as 'dge', 'kn', 'gn' and 'al'
- We will learn about homophones and suffixes

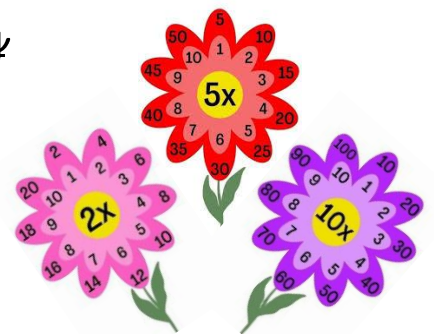
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Mathematical Learning

This term we are focusing on:

- Counting in ones, twos and tens to 100
- Counting and estimating a set of objects
- Numbers bonds for numbers under 20
- Fluently add and subtract within 10
- Place value: partitioning a two-digit number into tens and ones
- Tell 'First, then and now' stories and write the corresponding number equation
- Addition and subtraction
- Adding three addends (parts)
- Add and subtract two numbers that bridge through 10
- Find 10 more and 10 less from a 2-digit number



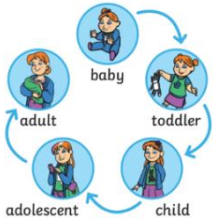
PE Learning

We will be focusing on gymnastics during Indoor PE: creating balances on the floor and travelling in high and low positions on apparatus.

Outdoor PE will be based on invasion game skills. Children will also be taking part in the 'Daily Mile' and doing some new fitness sessions.

Science

In science this term, we are going to be learning all about animals, including humans. We will be noticing that animals, including humans, have offspring that grow into adults.



We will be finding what basic things living things need in order to survive. We will also be talking about the importance of exercise for humans, how we should be eating the right amounts of different types of food to keep us healthy, and learning about the importance of hygiene.



Music

In music we will be 'Exploring pulse, rhythm and pitch'. They will be thinking and learning about patterns in music. The children will be clapping, playing back and creating their own simple patterns in the 'Understanding Music', improvisation and composition activities. We are also going to be thinking about the question: 'How does music teach us about the past?' and listening to music that will help us to think about this question. We are learning a Christmas song called 'hohoho' by Joana Mangona. After half term will be practising our Nativity songs each day to make sure we know it very well for our performance!

PSHE Learning

We will be learning: that families are composed of different people who offer each other care and support; how other people show their feelings and how to respond. We will be looking at conventions of manners and developing an understanding of self-respect.

Faith and Wonder Learning



This term we will explore "what Christians believe God is like?", using pictures and descriptions from the Bible to help us understand his character. We will also be exploring the wonderful Christian truth of incarnation as we ask the big question "Why does Christmas matters to Christians?" Together we will journey through the events of the Christmas story, discovering why Jesus' birth is so special and how the nativity shows the love, hope and joy that Christians believe Jesus brings to the world. It's truly a magical time to reflect, wonder and celebrate the meaning behind this very special season.

Computing Learning

When picturing a computer, thoughts are often of a screen, mouse and keyboard. We will explore exactly what a computer is by identifying and learning how inputs and outputs work, how computers are used in the wider world and designing their own computerised invention.

How can you help?

We really value the partnership between home and school, and there are so many ways you can get involved in your child's learning journey this year.

- If you have any spare moments, whether at morning drop-off, the end of the day, or during the week - we'd love to welcome you into class to help with reading or to share a skill, like gardening, sewing or craft.
- Reading with your child as often as possible at home, playing simple maths games and enjoying stories together are all fantastic ways to support their learning and build vocabulary. We are happy to help provide games if that would help!
- And of course, we're always grateful for parent volunteers to join us on school trips when needed. Your support makes a real difference, and it means the world to the children too!

Dates to be aware of:

Further dates and information may come out from the Office throughout the half term.

Individual photos Tuesday 15th September

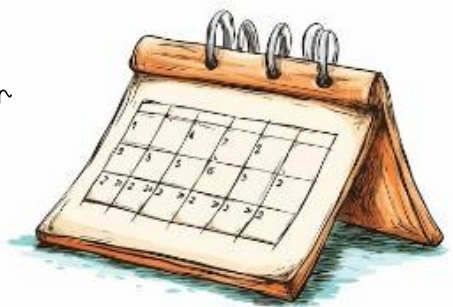
Parents Evening Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October

Harvest Church Service Tuesday 29th September

SHINE show (2:15pm) Thursday 26th November

NATIVITY: 1:30pm Thursday 10th December

NATIVITY: 9:30am Friday 11th December



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