



Homework

All homework is set on a Tuesday and is due back in on a Monday.

Children should be completing their comprehension and spellings in purple books and Maths work is set on Mathletics.

Please listen to your child read at least 3 times a week and write in their reading diary. Your child can change their book as soon as they've read it at home. As well as reading their 'banded' book, children are encouraged to read magazines, newspapers and non-banded books which are available in the classroom.

Year 2 Autumn Newsletter 2026

Welcome to Year 2 and welcome back after your summer break. I hope you're all feeling well rested and ready for the coming year. We've had a very positive start to the year so far and we are all looking forward to getting started with all of our learning. Throughout the year, please don't hesitate to contact us via Showbie or pop in to speak to us before or after school. Mrs Lefevre, Miss O'Donovan and Mrs Choudhury.

English

The book we are studying this half term is 'Before She Was Harriet' by Lesa Cline-Ransome. Learning about the actions of this extraordinary woman will link to our topic of Slavery. Through this text, we will write a letter and a simple narrative, practising skills such as simple sentences, capital letters and full stops, questions and expanded noun phrases. On our Book Launch Day, we started out as detectives, piecing together clues to Harriet's life, before using drama to deepen our understanding of her character.



Maths

The main focus in Maths this half term will be place value with numbers to 99 and addition and subtraction, including:

- Partitioning numbers into tens and ones.
- Representing numbers in different ways.
- Adding and subtracting 2 two digit numbers.

Please continue practicing on Numbots and Mathletics at home.

Topic

This half term our focus is on Slavery. In History, we will be learning about the Tudors and how slavery developed during this time. We look at famous explorers from the era as well as what life was like for ordinary people in Tudor England. In Geography, we will look at location knowledge and how we can use maps to find places. In Science, we will be learning the first of two units around animals including humans, focusing on their basic needs, exercise and healthy eating.

RE

In our RE lessons, we will be exploring the idea of leadership and how we can be good leaders through two Bible stories.

PE

In PE, we will be swimming (on Monday) and learning net and wall games (on Tuesday). Please ensure that your child arrives in school with the correct kit on this day. Yoga will be on Thursdays.

Sustainable Development Goals

Throughout the term we will be looking at how we can help the world achieve the UN's SDGs. This term we will focus on Goal 10- Reduced Inequalities- and Goal 3- Good Health and Wellbeing.