



Autumn Term 2026

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

English

This term we will be studying a poem, a narrative and a non-fiction text. The children will learn about the key features of these pieces of writing and will begin to apply this in their own work. At the end of each unit the children write a piece of text independently to showcase their creativity and the skills they have learnt. During our spelling and handwriting sessions, we will be revisiting phase 5 phonics and learning to spell new common exception words. Additionally, we will be beginning to learn the strokes and letter formation needed for joined up writing.

Maths

In Maths lessons the children will continue to build on their knowledge of place value. We will also explore adding and subtracting two digits numbers and learn how to solve missing number problems. At the end of the term we will move onto looking at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Throughout the Autumn term we will practice counting in 10s, 5s and 2s and will be beginning to count in 3s.

Science

In science this term Oak Class will be looking at what a habitat is and will look closely at various animals and plants. In addition, we will study the lifecycles of both animals and humans in order to identify similarities and differences.

Art & Design

In Art sessions pupils will explore observational drawing and experimental mark making, and think about how they can use composition to create their artwork.

Computing

This term in our computing lessons we will consider direction and distance and create commands using simple algorithms. We will also explore how search engines work and how we can stay safe online. Finally, Oak class will study various artists and experiment creating digital pictures.

Design & Technology

In our DT lessons our focus will be 'Cooking and Nutrition'. We will look at how we can eat a balanced diet and children will learn about the different food groups. At the end of this topic the children will plan and make a healthy wrap.

Geography

Our Geography topic for next half term is 'Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?'. This topic will introduce the children to the basic concept of climate zones and mapping out hot and cold places globally. We will look at features in the North and South Poles and Kenya. Oak class will learn the four compass points, the names of the continents and how to locate them.

History

Our History topic for this half term is 'How were schools different in the past?'. We will look at how schools have been in the local area for a long time, however, they have not always been the same. The children will identify similarities and differences; using a range of sources.

Music

In music lessons the children will be exploring Rock music. They will learn how to identify what instruments they can hear, keep the pulse of the music and discuss what they like and dislike. We will learn to sing a variety of songs and practice playing notes on a glockenspiel in time with music.

RE

During RE sessions we are going to be studying Judaism and Christianity. The following questions will shape our learning: 'Why do Jewish families talk about repentance at New Year?' and 'Why was Jesus given the name saviour?'.

PSHE

In PSHE Oak class will explore healthy food and drink choices as well as how to keep their teeth healthy. In the second half term we will explore connecting with others in order to create safe, kind and caring relationships.

Year 2 Staff

Oak Class Teacher

Miss Jessica Bugg

Supported by

Mrs Utting

Our School Values

Respect
Challenge
Resilience
Confidence

Diary Dates for Autumn Term 2026

30th September – PTA AGM

6th October - individual photos

16th October - Sharing Afternoon

20th and 22nd October - Parent Evenings

23rd October - PTA disco

26th – 30th October - Half Term

5th November - Year 2 Skills Escalator Day

16th – 20th November - Anti-Bullying week

20th November - KS1 Movie Night (PTA)

8th and 9th December - KS1 Christmas Performance

14th December - The Elf Room (PTA)

17th December - end of term

18th December – PD day (staff only)

PE

In PE lessons the children will be revisiting and refining fundamental skills that they learnt last year. As well as this the children will take part in a range of activities to develop components of fitness. Pupils will begin to explore and develop agility, balance, co-ordination, speed and stamina.

Useful websites that you may like to try at home to support your child's learning in school.

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch> (logins are in children's reading logs)

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> for phase 3, 4 and 5 phonics games

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>