

Year Two Newsletter



Spring 1 Term 2025-2026

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you had a lovely holiday and are ready for another fantastic half term!

Curriculum

Here are some of the subjects we will cover this half term:



In **history**, we will be learning about *Maritime Life*, with a particular focus on Admiral Nelson and the Royal Navy. We will explore why Greenwich is an important place in maritime history and what life at sea was like in the past. This topic will also be linked to our learning in **art**.

In **science**, we will be learning about *Everyday Materials*. Children will identify and compare the suitability of different materials, including wood, metal, plastic, brick, rock, paper and cardboard, for a range of uses. We will also investigate how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

In **art**, we will be learning about *Impressionism*. Children will explore a range of impressionist techniques and study the work of famous impressionist artists. They will be encouraged to compare different pieces of artwork and share their opinions.



Physical Education

On PE days, pupils will be expected to attend school dressed in their P.E. kit for the whole day – normal school uniform is not required on these days. As such, children should not need to keep their P.E. kit in school during the week.

The school P.E. kit consists of:

- white top
- black jogging trousers or shorts
- school jumper or black sweatshirt (no hoods)
- sensible running trainers/plimsoles

PE Days

2SS - Monday & Tuesday

2HP - Monday & Friday

2LT - Wednesday & Thursday

Home Learning

Children will continue to be set home learning via their Showbie accounts every Friday. It will be expected that children will complete this learning within a week. It is particularly important that children practise their spellings every day, rather than completing them all at once, as regular practice supports stronger recall and long-term retention.

Please continue to read with your child each day and record what they have read in their Home Learning Journal.



Uniform

Please **label all items** of clothing clearly with your child's name to enable us to return lost property to the correct individual. Please remember earrings are **not permitted** at school. Children wearing earrings to school will be asked to remove them. As the weather becomes colder, please ensure that children come to school wearing a warm and waterproof coat.

Value of the Month

This term, we will be exploring the values of **honesty** and **resilience** through assemblies, PSHE lessons and circle times.



We are very much looking forward another half term of wonderful learning that will take place this year. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak to us.

Miss Sladden, Miss Thomas and Ms Park (Phase Leader)