

YEAR TWO: AUTUMN TERM 2026

Information for parents and carers



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ENGLISH

Our class texts for the Autumn term are *The Smile* by Marie Viogt, *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* by Judith Kerr and *Paddington* by Michael Bond. We will unpick the stories to help us develop our comprehension and writing skills. Every week, we will learn a new spelling rule and be tested on these spellings every Friday. The children can practise their spellings on spelling shed. We will spend lots of time focusing on our handwriting, making sure we can form our letters perfectly.

SCIENCE



Our topic this term is plants - We will name and label a range of plants, learn how plants grow, different ways of seed dispersal and carrying out seed investigations. .



HISTORY

We will learn about the Great Fire of London. We will ...

- Learn how the fire started and why it spread
- Compare life in London in 1666 to present day
- Look at objects from the past
- Learn about Samuel Pepys and his diary

We will also have an interactive workshop in school.



MUSIC

We will learn a song called *Hands, Feet, Heart*. We will take part in a range of musical activities exploring pulse, rhythm and tempo based around South African music. We will also play glockenspiels as part of a group.



MATHS

We will cover these areas throughout the term:

- Reading and writing numbers in words and figures
- Identifying odd and even numbers
- Properties of numbers and number sequences
- Finding fractions of shapes
- Adding and subtracting
- Multiplication and division.

Children will be set Maths activities on our online App Mathletics. To help consolidate learning in school and build their maths fluency they should regularly access Maths Seeds.



PE

Gymnastics (Thursday)

Commando Joe's with NUF (Friday).



GEOGRAPHY

In Geography, we will cover the unit *Why is our World Wonderful*.

We will learn about the 7 continents and 5 oceans and human and physical features around the world.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We will complete three topics over the Autumn term.

- Stories Jesus told
- Hanukkah
- The Christmas Story.



ART & DESIGN

Drawing – Understanding tone and texture. Children will practice the skills to create an observational drawing.



DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Mechanisms – Children will investigate levers. They will explore different mechanisms and then design and make their own litter picker.



COMPUTING

We will learn how to ...

- Log on independently and solve logging on issues.
- Compare creating music digitally using Chrome Music Lab and non-digitally.
- Save and edit their own work.



HOMEWORK

RWI and Accelerated Reader books (for those who are ready) will be sent home daily. Please return these everyday. Children will be set assignments on Mathletics to help consolidate their maths learning. Spelling assignments are set weekly on Spelling Bee. Weekly spelling tests (FRIDAY) are based on all spelling patterns covered in Key Stage 1 as well as the new spelling patterns. Some children will be set spellings based on the sounds they are learning in RWI. Weekly spelling scores will be sent home each Friday.

We will occasionally set topic based homework which will be more creative, based on something they are learning in school. Please support your child with their homework. A weekly homework update will be sent via Marvellous Me.



DIARY DATES (SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE DIARY DATES)

11.9.26—First NUF PE session
18.9.26—Meet the Teacher - a drop in session for parents @2.45pm
Wc 05.10 - RWI assessments
09.10.26—World Mental Health Day
20.10.2026 - PANTO in school
22.10.26—Spooks and Sparkles Disco
23.10.26—Last day of half term
02.11.26—School closed (INSET)
03.11.26 - School reopens to pupils
10.11.25 - Durham University Great Fire of London workshop 1-3pm
13.11.26 - World Kindness Day
Wc 16.11.26 - Anti-bullying week, Assessment Week, Road Safety
20.11.26 - Friendship Friday
Wc 23.11.26 - Parent consultations
26.11.26 - Christmas Tree Lights switch on – Ryton.

27.11.26 - Festivals of Light – Non-Uniform Day
02.12.26 - Flu Immunisations
04.12.26 - Christmas Fair
14.12.26 and 15.12.26 - KS1 Nativity
16.12.26 - KS1 Christmas Party Day
17.12.26 - Christmas Music Workshop
18.12.26 - Winter Jumper Day and End of term.

