

Year 2 Curriculum Letter – Autumn 1 2025



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to year 2,

We are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead with special events and days out that include a Great Fire of London show and a trip to Chalkwell Beach!

This half term includes the following academy events and deeper days:

- Shaping the Future - 26th September
- Hello Yellow and Just One Tree Day – 10th October
- Harvest Festival – 5th October
- Individual and Sibling Photos – 15th October
- Open Evening – 16th October

PE day and PE Kit

Our PE day is on a Monday. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in the correct PE uniform and with earrings removed or covered. Variations to PE uniform will be challenged, including footwear.

Labelled belongings

Please remember to label items including lunch boxes and bags (locker size – small). Children are to bring refillable drink bottles each day; metal bottles are discouraged.

**Our children have produced a healthy snack policy. This will be sent home to guide 'snacks' for breaktime.*

What your child will be learning this half term:

Core learning	In writing we will be looking at the story of Alice in Wonderland and writing instructions too. We will be writing for different audiences and purposes including to entertain and inform. This half term we have a writing for enjoyment session about our recipes.
	Each week we have a reading for pleasure session during which children can share their recommended reads. We will visit the school library on a Tuesday.
	In maths we will be covering the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Representing 2 digit numbers in different ways• Addition and subtraction of a 2 digit number to a 1 digit number• Measuring using centimetres. Each week we practise our times tables using TTRS.
Skills	In skills lessons we will be engaging in lessons linked to the following areas: Music: Big Dreams Computing: Computational Thinking
Connected curriculum	Our focus unit this half term is called Party Planners. This is a science-based unit with connections across the curriculum. It covers the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sorting and classifying different materials and objects.• The properties of different materials• What materials can be used for• How we can change the shape of materials• What materials are best for party decorations• Designing and making party decorations

Faith, Health and Wellbeing	<p>During Faith and well-being lessons we will be thinking about the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where do I belong? • How can I keep my mind healthy? • How can I keep my body healthy? • What makes a healthy family? • Who is Jewish and what do they believe?
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Homework

Your child will bring home a copy of our knowledge organiser for each half term. A copy of the overview will be sent to your MCAS account. Spellings will be taught through *phonics lessons* and these words will not be sent home. However, attached to this letter are the Common Exception Words for both Year 1 and Year 2, these are the words children are expected to spell by the end of each year, respectively. Please practise these over the course of the year.

Spelling rules will be taught for those in *Whole Class Reading* and weekly word lists will be sent home for further practise. There will not be a spelling test (please see below for an overview of this term's spellings*).

Wb 15.09.25	Wb 22.09.25	Wb 29.09.25	Wb 06.09.25	Wb 13.10.25
The /n/ sound spelt kn and gn at the beginning of words	The /r/ sound spelt wr at the beginning of words	The /s/ sound spelt c before e, i and y.	The /j/ sound sound j or g.	The /j/ sound spelt ge or dge
1. knock 2. know 3. knee 4. knew 5. knife 6. knight 7. knit 8. gnat 9. gnaw 10. sign 11. gnome 12. design	1. write 2. written 3. wrote 4. wrong 5. wrap 6. wrestle 7. wrist 8. wrinkle 9. wreath 10. wreck 11. wry 12. writer	1. race 2. ice 3. cell 4. city 5. fancy 6. face 7. price 8. nice 9. mice 10. icy 11. dance 12. space	1. gem 2. giant 3. magic 4. giraffe 5. energy 6. jacket 7. jar 8. jog 9. join 10. adjust 11. jail	1. badge 2. edge 3. bridge 4. dodge 5. fudge 6. age 7. huge 8. change 9. charge 10. bulge 11. village 12. strange



Phonics



As a reading first school, we promote daily reading. Your child will bring home a sharing book and a phonics book. If your child is in whole class reading, they will be given an Accelerated Reader book at their reading level. They will need to read their book for 15 minutes a day and then complete a quiz. Please see the homework section on our school website for more information. <https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/2237772>



In Year 2, we are excited to launch TTRS. The app can be downloaded to all smartphones and tablets and it is also available online at <https://ttrockstars.com/>. This will support our children in their recall of multiplication facts. Your child will have a log in for TTRockstars and we encourage daily practice for at least 6 minutes a day. We would like children to focus on the 'Jamming' and 'Garage' games for this half term.

We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to working in partnership with you.

Year 2 Team.

Mrs Powell, Mrs Krise and Mrs Farrer

Year 1 Common Exception Word List

the a do to today of said says are were was	is his has I you your they be he me she we	no go so by my here there where love come some	one once ask friend school put push pull full house our
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Year 2 Common Exception Word List

after again any bath beautiful because behind both break busy child children Christmas	class climb clothes could cold door even every everybody eye fast father find	floor gold grass great half hold hour improve kind last many mind money	most move Mr Mrs old only parents past pass path people plant poor	pretty prove should steak sugar sure told water whole who wild would
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