Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 2026

Monday 9th November 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the term. The children have settled and adapted well to the changes and routines that have been introduced in Year 2. We hope that everyone is ready for the very busy half term ahead!

English

This half term, we are focusing our writing based on the text 'The Dragon Machine' by Helen Ward. The children will be reading and writing about the text and creating their own narrative based on the story. Their new learning for this piece of writing will be how to use **past tense** verbs. They will also be revising where and when to use **capital letters** and know what they look like.



The children will continue to access the daily Read Write Inc. programme in groups. In order to continue to develop their reading skills, it is really important to **read at home** regularly.

Mathematics & Science



This half term, the children will continue to focus on multiplication and division of the 2, 5 & 10 timetables. At home, you can encourage your child to practice their timetables and skills by asking them to show you the methods they have been learning in class.
In Science, the children will be learning about the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene. They will find out how to eat a healthy, balanced diet and why exercise is important to keep their bodies healthy.

PE



PE will take place on **Monday** and **Thursday** for **Mrs Turner's** class and **Monday** and **Friday** for **Mr Hamon-Cole's** class. This half term the children will be developing simple tactics for attacking and defending. They will be learning about Netball and playing mini games. They will develop teamwork skills and master basic attacking and defending tactics. Both classes will also take part in a Basketball session run by a Jersey Sport Basketball Coach.



Computing

Creating Media- Digital photography- The children will find out about the range of devices that they can use to take photographs, develop their skills in the composition of taking quality photographs and how to edit their images.

Voice 21

Oracy enables children to learn to talk and learn through talk - it helps to consolidate learning, build and challenge on the ideas of others as well as their own, and helps children become articulate and effective communicators. The Year 2 Oracy target this term is **to increase pupils' confidence and skill in reasoning so that pupils can give reasons to support their views** in Science.

PSHE

This half term the class are learning about **Celebrating Difference** through focusing on the importance of valuing and respecting themselves and others. Children will start to recognise and appreciates differences among themselves and others by understanding what makes them special and unique. Children will learn to accept everyone's right to 'difference' and explore the concept of 'normal' and bullying – what it is and what it isn't.



Art

Composition & Tone- The children will continue to learn about the artist **Caravaggio** and the use of light and shade in his work. They will learn to use a range of pencil gradients and make accurate representations of real objects and scenes that they have carefully observed. They will create some tonal drawings and learn some subject specific terminology, such as: **focal point, rule of thirds, composition**, **tonal range, highlight, shadow** and **depth**. They will learn how to use sketchbooks to record observations, review and revisit ideas and evaluate their artwork.



Music

This half term Mrs Le Brun will be focusing on teaching the children some traditional Christmas songs and songs for their Christmas performance which is called 'A King Is Born'.



Homework

Please include at least 15 minutes of reading and practicing the weekly handwriting homework. Please ensure that your child has their reading folder in school each day so that they can change their reading books in their RWI group.



Diary Dates

The Key Stage 1 Nativity **Performance** for the Year 2 parents is on **Thursday 10th December** at **2pm.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask one of us at drop off or pick up or by email.

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Kind regards,

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