

# Year 2 Newsletter

What do we know about the UK?



What we are learning about:

Summer 1 2026

**Our topic/ theme this half term is: What do we know about the UK?**

**Geography:** In Geography we will first recap our learning of what the UK is. We will then focus on learning about the four seasons and the weather in the UK. We will compare weather in different parts of the UK and how people prepare for this.

**Design Technology** Our new DT project will be textiles, where we will be making felt puppets. We will learn about different fabric joining techniques like stapling, pinning and gluing. We will design, make and then evaluate and improve our puppets at the end of the project.

**Music:** Our topic in Music is called 'Having fun with improvisation'. Throughout the unit we will refer to the question 'What songs can we sing to help us through the day?'. Singing and listening will be at the heart of each lesson and we will play, improvise and compose using a selection of these notes: C, D, E, F, F#, G, A.

**Computing:** In Computing we will be covering an Information Technology unit of work. This unit will explore different types of questioning e.g., pictograms, asking yes/no, binary trees and nonbinary databases.

**P.E:** In P.E this half term, we will be covering two different dance topics. These will include moving our bodies to a theme of weather, followed by a theme of countries. PE we will improve our creativity and movement to music.

**PSHE:** In PSHE we our focus will be on understanding early warning signs and how our body tells us about these worries. We will learn and develop our understanding of who we can discuss worries with and how this can keep us safe. We will also identify private body parts and that our bodies belong to us. We will used NSPCC PANTS to support us learning about this.

**R.E:** In R.E we will be learning about Islam and who a Muslim is. We will learn about Prophet Muhammed, the stories that he told, special places and objects to Muslims and make some comparisons between other religions.

**Science:** In Science we will be learning about things that are living, dead and never alive. We will learn about habitats and the plants and animals found in different habitats. We will then learn about food chains within these habitats.

**English**

**Reading:** This half term, we will be working hard to secure reading with fluency. This includes reading with automaticity, prosody and having an understanding of the text by answering a range of comprehension questions. These skills will support us in our reading journey towards the end of Year 2 and beyond.

**Writing:** Our first model text this half term is from a book called 'The Misadventures of Frederick'. The book is about two friends who send letters to one another. In Emily's letters, she is inviting Frederick to go on an adventure with her. Unfortunately, Frederick responds with an excuse to why he cannot go on these adventures with her. The second model text is from the book 'Coming to England'. This book is about a family that arrive in England from Trinidad. This half term, we will continue to secure our joined up handwriting and sentence structure. We will be specifically focusing on including the prefix 'un' and suffixes, 'ment, ness, ful, less, ly' in our writing.

**Maths:** In Maths this half term, we will first focus on fractions. In this unit we will begin by looking at what a fraction is and then recognise, find, name and write fractions  $1/2$ ,  $1/3$ ,  $1/4$ ,  $2/4$  and  $3/4$  of a length, shape, set of objects or quantity. We will then move onto learning to tell and write the time to five minutes, including quarter past/to the hour and draw the hands on a clockface to show these times.

**Key Vocabulary:**

**Maths:** tens, ones, times tables, compare, fractions, equal parts, unequal parts, quarter, half, thirds, time, clock, clock face, minutes, quarter past, half past, to, am, pm, midday, minute, hour, second, hand

**English:** grapheme phoneme correspondence (GPC), grapheme, phoneme, digraph, trigraph, blend, segment, capital letter, full stop, question mark, exclamation mark, conjunction, story map, fiction, non-fiction, narrative, description, letter, sub-headings, suffixes, prefixes, adjectives.

**Science:** animal, plant, dead, living, never living, alive, habitat, food chain, predator, consumer, producer

**Topic:** join, glue, staple, stick, attach, weather, seasons, UK, Muslim, Islam, Prophet, Mosque, improvise, coordination, control, warning sign, safe, private parts