

Year 2 Autumn 1 Topic Letter 2026

English

This half term the children will be studying *George's Marvellous Medicine* and *Vlad the Rat*. They will write stories, instructions, and non-chronological reports based on Samuel Pepys.

The children will also learn about common nouns, proper nouns, commands, capital letters, full stops and adjectives this half term.

Phonics

The children will be completing a review of Little Wandle Phase 5. The children's spellings will be matched in line with this.

Reading

The children will continue to have practice reading sessions this half term based on the assessment from Little Wandle. The children will continue to bring their Little Wandle book home after they have read it in school, this will happen on a Friday. If your child is reading a Phase 5 book they will also bring home another reading book from our reading scheme. After reading this book they can change it for another one. If your child is working below the expected level they will be given 'Little Wandle Rapid Cat-up' to help develop their reading.

They will have a weekly animal book to take home instead of picking a book from the Library.

Handwriting

The children will begin by practising all letters using the cursive formation. Then they will look at the formation and position of ascenders and descenders.

Art & Design

This half term our topic will be 'Explore and Draw'. The children will explore and experiment with a range of drawing and mark making techniques. We will also be creating a Great Fire of London picture.



Religious Education

This half term we will be exploring the Gospel and the question, 'What is the good news Christians believe Jesus brings?'

Geography

This half term the children will be learning to locate all 4 countries of the United Kingdom and their capital cities. With a particular focus on London.

History

This half term we will be learning all about the Great Fire of London.

Physical Education

Indoor P.E. this half term will be dance and will happen on a Tuesday. We will be exploring the Great Fire of London and Harvest through dance.

Outdoor P.E. will be on a Wednesday afternoon and children will need to come to school in their own P.E. kits. This half term we will be focusing on invasion games.

Music

This half term our music topic is called 'Questions and Answers - Hello and Hey Friends'. The children will explore timbre and improvisation. They will also be practicing their Harvest songs.

Mathematics

This half term the children will be exploring place value to 100. This will include exploring tens and ones, ordering and comparing numbers as well as writing numbers both in numerals and words. They will also learn to count in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s. Afterwards, the children will begin their 'Addition and Subtraction' topic where they will learn to add 2 two-digit numbers together and subtract 2 two-digit numbers together. They will also focus on fact families as well.

Mastering Number Lessons

This half term the children will focus on the composition of numbers 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Science

This half term the children will be learning about what animals including humans need to survive. The children will also recall the different groups of animals.

Computing

This half term we will be learning all about computing systems and networks that are all around us. We will also be exploring how to use it safely.

Design & Technology

This half term we will be designing and creating a fire engine as well as baking bread.

PSHE

This half term we will be focusing on Mental Health and wellbeing. Establish the foundations for wellbeing as well as exploring change, loss and grief.

Forest School

Forest School will be happening on a Monday. Please ensure your child has wellington boots and suitable clothing such as a puddle suit.