Year Newsletter

Autumn 2—2026/2027

Notices and Reminders

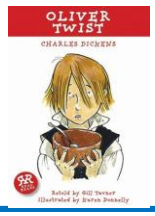
- All clothes to be named
- Bring book bag in every day
- Water in named water bottes
- PE day is **Wednesday** – please ensure your child wears their PE kit to school on this day

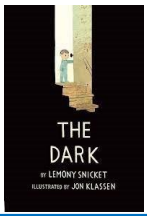


Reading

This term the children will be reading 'The Secret Garden' by Frances Hodgson Burnett.
They will be focusing on reading with fluency and understanding vocabulary.
The class reads will be 'Oliver Twist' by Charles Dickens and 'The Dark' by Lemony Snicket.

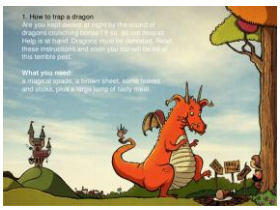






Writing

In writing this half term, the children will finish retelling Kassim and the Greedy Dragon before moving on to an instructional text, How to Trap a Dragon. Throughout the unit, they will explore and apply a range of skills to further develop their writing.



Key dates

Monday 2nd November – School term starts

Wednesday 4th November – Harvest Festival

Friday 13th November – School Disco

Monday 16th November – Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 24th November – Year 2 Victorian Workshop

Friday 27th November – Stay and Read

Friday 4th December - Christmas Jumper Friday (Children may wear a festive jumper instead of their usual school jumper or cardigan)

Saturday 5th December – HLSA Christmas Fair

Tuesday 8th December (9.15am) - YR Nativity to parents

Friday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Friday

Monday 14th December – Phyllis Tuckwell Christmas Run

Tuesday 15th December (9.15am and 2.00pm) – Y1 and Y2 Christmas Performance to parents

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Lunch

Friday 18th December - Christmas Jumper Friday and Last Day of Term

Maths

The children will continue to master addition and subtraction skills. They will learn to add and subtract across a multiple of ten and solve problems with two-digit numbers. They will then learn about shape which will include investigating 2D and 3D shapes including vertices, sides, faces, edges, patterns and symmetry.



Science

This half term, the children will be learning why exercise and hygiene are important for our bodies. They will then learn how they can conserve energy at home and at school, focusing on their research skills. They will also be looking at renewable and non-renewable resources and how they can conserve materials.



History

This half term, the children will continue learning about the Victorian Era, focusing on what life was like for children. They will have the opportunity to compare their own lives with the living conditions of children during the Victorian Era.



DT

In DT this half term, the children will be learning how to make a stable structure by building a chair that will be suitable for Baby Bear. They will be learning about the key features of a stable structure, as well as how to construct, test and evaluate it.



PE

The focus in PE this half term will be on **dance**. The children will explore movement in a variety of ways, experimenting with different speeds, levels and body positions. They will develop their coordination, creativity and control and then begin to combine these movements to create a complete dance routine inspired by the theme of toys.

Computing

This half term, the children will learn what a photo is and how to take a great photograph. They will find out the difference between a photograph and a digital image, as well as how photographs and digital images can be stored. They will also explore composition, light and how to edit photographs to make them even better.



PSHE

This half term, the children will learn about positive friendships and the qualities of a good friend, including kindness, honesty and respect. They will explore ways to make friends, understand that friends can be different, and learn how to resolve disagreements. The children will also learn who they can talk to if they need help.



Home learning

Our home learning focus for this half term is to read at least 3 times per week and sign the reading record and bookmark.



Suggested books for reading

