

Year 2 Newsletter



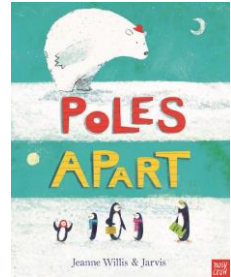
November 2025

Curriculum

Our main topic this half term is geography-based. We will be looking at where the hot and cold places are in the world and will be particularly focussing on the polar regions. This will lead us to finding out about the animals who live in the Polar Regions and will learn about 'the polar bear capital of the world' Churchill, in Canada. Linked to this, we will also learn some history about the race to the South Pole. We will use different sources to find out about who the Antarctic explorers were and what happened on their journeys.

English

In English, we will use the text *Follow the Swallow* by Julia Donaldson to help the children understand more about migration and we will use the story *Poles Apart* by Jeanne Willis to enhance our learning about polar animals. We will be reading non-fiction texts and finding out facts about how animals survive in cold climates. This half term, children will be developing their skills for writing reports, letters and setting descriptions.



Maths

In maths this half term, we are continuing our learning on addition and subtraction, teaching the children strategies for adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers. This will then lead into a topic on shape. The children will be naming and describing a range of 2D and 3D shapes. They will learn all about symmetry and investigate shape patterns.

Also, please continue to use Mathletics at home too. www.mathletics.co.uk

Reading

In school, teachers and other adults hear children read during our phonics lessons and in specific reading lessons. This half term, we will continue to work on building reading fluency and teaching comprehension skills. Children need to be able to retrieve information from a text, discuss word meanings, answer simple inference (why and how questions), predict and sequence.

As previously mentioned, the reading record is for parents to use at home. Please continue to date and sign/comment every time you hear your child read at home. We would appreciate your support in aiming **for at least 4 times a week for 10 minutes**. Teachers in school will monitor these but do not usually write comments. We will move children across book bands based on their achievements in our reading lessons, with 1:1 checks where needed. Already many children have progressed a book band since Y1 and others are expected to do so this half term. Please ask if you feel your child is reading their book fluently, without errors and with a good understanding of what has been read.

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Spelling

Please continue to look at the weekly spelling homework activities we send home. Although we spend a lot of time in school learning and practising spellings, it is important that children also practise these with you at home. We always include the common exception words that we are learning and examples of words using the phonic or spelling pattern we are focussing on. Thank you for your support in completing these.

Often the words to learn are homophones (words that sound the same but are spelled differently). e.g. blue/blew or night/knight. These need to be practised in sentences.

When writing independently, we would expect that children's spelling should be phonically plausible, even if not always correct. Once a spelling rule or pattern has been taught, we would like children to apply these and make attempts to correct any mistakes they make.

PE

PE is on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. On Wednesdays 2MW are working with a dance coach for this half term. 2LA will be doing gymnastics.

Please make sure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days, including suitable footwear and clothing for outdoors. Remember to label all their clothing so that items, specifically red hoodies, don't get lost!

KS1 Christmas Performance

This year, our Christmas performances are on Tuesday 16th December starting at 9:30am and Wednesday 17th December starting at 2pm. The Year 2 children will be predominantly narrators or musicians and will only need a festive outfit for their costume!

Year 2 Blog

Do you look at the Year 2 blog? We write a weekly post every Friday that includes an overview of the learning that has taken place in both classes that week along with photographs. We often include links to games and activities which can be used to support learning at home. Thank you to everyone who has written comments or just given the post a 'thumbs up'.

If you have any questions, please either talk to any of the staff in the class or you can email us on:

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Thank you for all your support.

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