

# Year 2 Newsletter

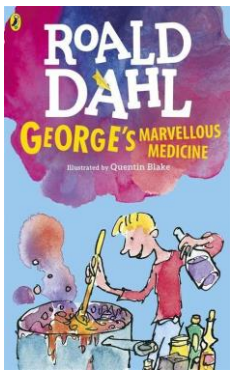


January 2026

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely relaxing holiday.

## Curriculum

This half term our learning is centred around the theme of medicines and nursing. In History we will be learning about the lives of three different nurses; Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Nellie Spindler. Children will be using different sources of evidence to find out about their lives, why they are important and why we remember them today. To enhance our learning, we have a workshop booked on Monday 26th January. Please see separate letter for more details. Please note: there will be a small cost for this workshop.



Our class text this half term is George's Marvellous Medicine and the majority of our English work will be based on this text. We start the unit by focusing on the characters in the story and will be writing our own character descriptions. We will move on to writing our own recipes and instructions for how to make a marvellous medicine.

In PSHE lessons, we will learn all about medicines. We will talk about different types of medicines and their purpose and how to keep safe around medicines.

## Maths

In maths this half term we will be continuing our learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We will then move onto Money and then start Multiplication and Division. In Year 2, children need to be secure with the 2x, 5x and 10x tables. We also learn the 3 x tables. Children need to know their times tables facts, including the division facts. We will get children set up on times table rockstars to support this once we have taught the basics of multiplication.



Mathletics encourages children to work through a series of certificates. Lots of children have earned some bronze certificates but not many have progressed to silver yet. Only the children who are achieving certificates regularly will be in with a chance of earning a legend certificate by the end of Year 2! Children can check their certificates in the 'My Awards' section. Children can also earn points on a skills quest. We will continue to set regular homework on Mathletics to consolidate our learning in school.

## Reading at School

We saw super progress in reading last term through using our new phonics scheme and texts. Through reviewing the phonics taught in Year 1 and concentrating on decoding, children have become much more confident and fluent readers. We have seen an improvement in spelling

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too! This term we will be focussing more on comprehension skills through whole class reading lessons and group guided reading.

### Reading at Home

Thank you for your support with reading at home. Please remember to write in the record book when you hear your child read. Children can change their books once they have finished; please remind them at the start of the day. Please make sure that your child's reading record and books are in their bag every day.

### Spelling

Please continue to look at the weekly spelling letters we send home and complete the spelling activity. 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. This term we will have an informal spelling test on a Monday using words from the previous week. Your support is appreciated.

### Science

In Science we will be looking at Materials. We will look at lots of everyday items to find out what they are made from and why that is a suitable material to use. We will also be thinking about the key properties of different materials.

### PE

Please make sure that your child wears their PE kit to school on a **Tuesday and Wednesday**. If the weather is fine, we will do one of our PE sessions outside so please make sure that they have appropriate footwear. 2La are starting their sessions with Lily from Northern Dance on Wednesdays.

### Parent Workshop

We will be holding a workshop for parents at the end of January where we will be discussing the end of year expectations for Year 2 which includes information about the SATs tests. We hope to see as many of you there as possible. Further details to follow.

### 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 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 don't get email alerts about new postings on the blog, please register your email address with the office.

If you have any concerns, 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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