



Year 2 Newsletter

Summer Term 2 2025



We have a fantastic term of learning ahead!

This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Diary Dates:

18th June – Trip to Barbican to watch LSO

9th July- KS1 Sports Day

17th July – Carnival

WB 7/14th July - Swimming

The Year 2 Team:

2LT	Lauren and Amanda
2SD	Sophia and Tessa

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History / Geography - Our topic this half term is 'Adventure'.



Children will be learning about the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. They will learn about some adventurers who wrote history many years ago such as Ibn Battuta and also some who are still alive today such as Erica Bergman.

You will also have received this term's **topic homework and knowledge organiser** via email.

Additionally, children have received a paper version.



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English - This half term, children will be reading the text 'Ocean Meets Sky' by the Fan Brothers. This is a beautifully illustrated picture book about a young boy who sets sail to find a place his grandfather told him about... the spot where the ocean meets the sky.

The children will use this text as a basis to write diary entries and character descriptions.

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Reading – One of the most effective ways you can support your child with their academic progress and development, is through reading together regularly. Your child will receive a book from school which they should look after, and bring into school each day.

Children should be reading at home each day, preferably with an adult, for 20 minutes.
Please sign your child's reading record each day to show they are reading regularly and so they can earn rewards in school. Please note, there is a £5 charge for lost books.



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Maths - This half term children will be learning about money.



You can support your child at home by exposing them to different coins / notes and using these to pay for items in the shop. This unit of work reinforces learning about the four operations as children are required to calculate total costs and simple change.



Don't forget to log on to Times Tables Rockstars
<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>

Science - This half term, Year 2 will continue their unit on plants. They will build on their learning from Summer 1, conducting a number of experiments to learn more about how to maintain a healthy plant. We will learn about the lifecycle of a plant and also take a closer look at germination.



R.E – Children will be learning about how forgiveness is important to people's lives. We will discuss what it means to be sorry and how we can learn from our mistakes.

P.E – This term Year 2 will be focusing on athletics.

All children **must** wear their PE kit into school on the specified days. PE kit should consist of plain navy (black if necessary) bottoms (leggings, shorts or tracksuit bottoms), a white school t-shirt or gem house t-shirt and trainers. This should be worn with a school jumper or cardigan.

class	Day 1	Day 2
2LT	Wednesday	Thursday
2SD	Wednesday	Thursday

Year 2 will also be swimming in July. Each class will have 5 sessions in total. We will send out more details closer to the time. Children will be required to wear a swimming suit or swimming shorts. Goggles are not compulsory but most children find the lessons much easier/ enjoyable if they have a pair.

P\$HE - This half term, Year 2 will cover a range of important topics. Some of the subjects children will explore and discuss are 'our networks' and 'discrimination'.

Music - This half term, children will continue to develop our understanding of rhythm, pitch and dynamics. They will use their voices and percussions instruments to create and compose music on their own and with others.



Computing - This half term, Year 2's unit is 'Digital Music'. They will manipulate sounds and create their own music using online programmes.

On behalf of the year 2 team, we look forward to another exciting term together.
 Thank you for your support!

Over the term we will be sharing examples of the work your children will be doing in class on our year group webpage: <https://www.thegemfederation.co.uk/bessemer-primary/learning-hub/classes/>