



Year 2 Newsletter

Summer Term 1 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:

16th May – 2LT Library Visit

22nd May – 2SD Library Visit

18th June – Trip to Barbican to watch LSO

The Year 2 Team:

2LT	Lauren and Amanda
2SD	Sophia and Tessa

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

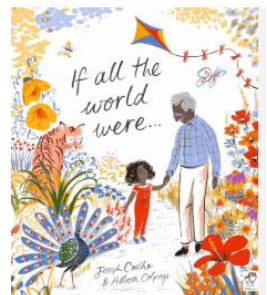


Children will be learning about coastlines around the UK and considering the similarities and differences of life in coastal towns compared to London. They will continue to develop their understanding of human and physical features through case studies.

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

Additionally, these will be shared on your child's Google Classroom page. If you would like a paper version, your child can ask their class teacher.

English - This half term, children will be reading the text 'If All the World Were' by Joseph Coelho. This is a beautiful story that tells of the love that one little girl has for her ageing grandad. They spend each season having fun together but she knows he is not well. The book deals with the issues of grief and loss but is full of joy and hope.




The children will use this text as a basis to experiment with language and to write their own poetry.

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.



Maths - This half term children will be learning about fractions. We will look at finding halves, quarters and thirds. We will start to consider equivalent fractions and calculate fractions of amounts.

 You can support your child at home by using the language of fractions to describe and give instructions. e.g. 'my glass is one quarter full' or 'pass me half of the grapes'. Lego is an excellent resource to represent wholes and fractions.



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

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Science - This half term, Year 2 will start their unit on plants. They will build on their learning from Year 1, starting their learning by identifying parts of different plants. Pupils will observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. They will conduct a number of experiments to learn more about what a plant needs to survive and stay healthy.



R.E – Children will be learning about how foods can be important in different religions. They will also learn about fasting and how it looks for people of different faiths.

P.E – This term Year 2 will be focusing on 'Racquet Sports' and 'Orienteering'.

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

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

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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.



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Computing - This half term, Year 2's unit is 'Programming'. Children will use the Scratch Junior programme on iPads to create sequences. They will use coding language such as 'design', 'algorithm' and 'debug'.

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/>