

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 1 2026

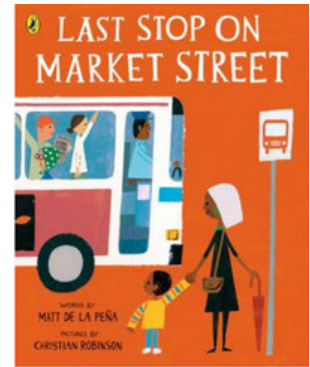
Where in the world are we?

Welcome to Year 2

Welcome back, we hope you have had a great summer holiday! We are very much looking forward to the year ahead with you all.

English:

Our English lessons this half term are based around the story 'Last stop on Market Street'. We will focus on sentence writing and will focus on nouns, adjectives and verbs. We will be working on using 'conjunctions' in our sentences to extend and add more detail to them. We will be learning to use 'and, because and so'. Towards the end of the term, we will be doing some non-fiction writing linked to our Geography topic. We will learn about using capital letters for names of places. The children will be expected to use their 'Year 2 essentials' which are to use capital letters, end marks, finger spaces, clear ascenders and descenders and making sure their sentences make sense. We will also be doing lots of handwriting lessons throughout the week.



Maths:

Maths this half term will be focusing on place value, addition and subtraction and towards the end of the half term we will be looking at shape. We will also be focusing on counting in 2's, 5's and 10's forwards and backwards.

Reading:

Every child will participate in whole class reading activities and reading sessions every week. Children will have a book in their book bag which they can read at home. **Children must read their reading book at home every night for at least 10 minutes.** We aim to read with every child each week and check their books daily. Please ensure you ask your child questions about the book to help develop their comprehension and understanding of the book.

Please also ensure your child is reading their book on Collins Hub. We will monitor this regularly so please ensure you are reading the books that have been assigned to you regularly. Use the link below. Please make sure they are reading this book as much as possible over the week.

RE

This half term in RE we will be focusing on belonging to a community and will talk about what belonging to different groups means e.g clubs or religion. We will look at special places, including places of worship. We will be learning about how people of different faiths prepare themselves for worship and prayer.

Science:

Our topic this half term is 'Uses of everyday materials.' This will be a science based topic so the children will be using their scientific skills. The children will be looking at various materials and their properties. There will be a focus on learning new vocabulary to describe different types of materials. We will be investigating which materials would be best to create different objects.



Geography:

This half term our learning question is 'Where in the world are we?' We will be learning all about the United Kingdom, its countries and capital cities. We will also go on to learn about some landmarks in each of the countries.

Art

In Art we will be learning how to print, the children will create their own print by pressing, rolling, rubbing and stamping.

PSHE

This half term in PSHE we be focusing on our health and wellbeing. We will be learning all about what affects our body. This will involve learning about the effects of sugar, sleep and screen time. We will also be learning about different feelings and how to recognise different emotions. We will also learn about what makes us feel good and what we can do to help us to feel good.

Computing

This half term we will be using purple mash to complete our computing learning. We will be learning how to make music on different programmes and we will also learn how to use different paint projects to create pieces of art work.

Music

In music we will be building on our ocarina skills from year 1. We will be learning to read and play more complex music.

PE

In PE we will learn different ball skills: we will focus on throwing, catching, dribbling, passing, receiving and bouncing.

Homework

Homework will be set on Thursday and will need to be returned by the following Tuesday, every week. Homework will involve a combination of work set on Purple Mash and work set in home learning books. Please ensure you are checking both and ensure your child completes all aspects of their home learning each week.

Additional information:

Labels in clothes—please ensure your child's name is in every piece of clothing.

P.E days –

Badger Class PE is on Wednesday and Thursday

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Water bottles: Please send your child into school with a water bottle filled with water every day.

If you have any worries or concerns, please come and speak to us. We want to ensure all the children have a fantastic year with us.

Thank you, The Year 2 Team