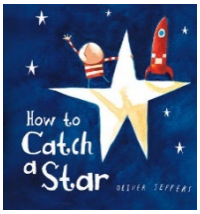
Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 2026

Why is Remembrance Day so important?

Welcome to Year 2

Welcome back, we hope you have had a great half term! The children have settled back into school quickly and are eager to continue their learning.

English:



Our English lessons this half term are based around the story 'How to catch a star' by Oliver Jeffers. We will continue to focus on sentence writing and will focus on nouns, adjectives, 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, but, because and so.' 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 be focusing on learning how to write a short narrative. The children will be retelling the story 'How to catch a star'. We will also read a range of other books by this author and will continue to develop our sentence writing skills.

Maths:

Maths this half term will be recapping place value. We will build on our addition and subtraction skills including adding and subtracting money. Towards the end of the half-term we will be looking at multiplication. We will also be focusing on counting in 2's, 5's, 10's and 3'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 looking at what is prayer and how and people pray. We will learn about how Muslims, Hindus and Christians pray. We will also learn about how Buddhists meditate.

Science:

We will continue with our topic 'Uses of everyday materials.' Children will be learning about natural and man-made materials. They will also be learning about materials that can bend, twist, stretch and squash. We will also be looking at the suitability of different materials for different objects and will be learning how to explain our answers using scientific vocabulary.

History



This half term our learning question is 'Why is Remembrance Day so important?' We will be learning all about Remembrance Day and will be learning about World War 1. We will focus on the lives of soldiers and will be

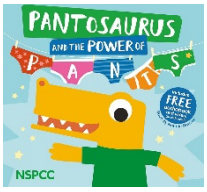
looking at discussing lots of objects from the war as part of our History learning. We also have a visitor who will be coming into school to deliver a WW1 workshop.

PSHE

This half term in PSHE we will continue to focus on our health and wellbeing. We will be learning all about 'My Body, My Rules'. This will involve learning about we grow from young to old and the names of parts of the body. We will also do some work around PANTS and keeping ourselves safe.

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/





Music

In music we will continue to build on our ocarina skills and we will also be learning about performance skills. We will practise and perform some Christmas songs.

PE

This half term in PE we will be focussing on gymnastics. This will include learning different types of gymnastics movements and creating a short sequence of movements to perform.

Homework

Homework will be set on Thursdays and will need to be returned by the following Tuesday every week. Please make sure you check purple mash regularly and complete any home learning activities.

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.

Hedgehog Class PE is on Wednesday and Thursday.

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