



Year 2 Newsletter

Summer 2—2025/2026



Notices and Reminders

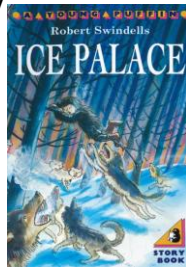
Remember PE is on Friday, and children should wear a full PE kit and all jewellery should be removed.

Reading books and reading diaries should be in school every day.

Library day –
Monday - Mary Seacole
Wednesday – Florence Nightingale

Reading

This half term, the children will finish 'King Arthur', retold by Andrew Matthews, enjoying its adventure, magic, and themes of trust and betrayal. The children will continue to develop their comprehension skills as they read 'The Ice Palace' by Robert Swindells, a story exploring friendship, resilience, and imagination as they follow a powerful story of loss and hope.



Writing

The children will be completing their own version of the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk', followed by a debate to argue why Jack should – or should not – be punished for taking the giant's possessions, which they will write as a persuasive piece. They will be consolidating their knowledge and use of adjectives and adverbs to up level their vocabulary, as well as using apostrophes to show possession.



Key dates

25th - 29th May - Spring Half term.

1st June - First day of Summer Term 2.

15th - 19th June - RSE week.

17th June - Class photos

19th June - Sports Day

22nd June - Activ Kids - Athlete visit.

24th June - Y2 West Whittering.

29th June - 3rd July - Community Week

30th June - Moving Up Morning.

9th July - KS1 Fun day

13th July - End of year I-rock concert.

21st July - Children to be collected at 1:30

Maths

In maths, the children will learn how to tell the time including, quarter past and quarter to the hour, as well as telling the time to five minutes using analogue clocks. Next, the children will learn how to record information using block diagrams and pictograms and will learn how to interpret the data. Finally, they will use the language of position to describe movement and turns.



RE

The children will be learning about how people of the Jewish faith celebrate Passover. They will discover who Moses was and how he led the Israelites from Egypt through the sea to freedom. They will then learn what traditions people of the Jewish faith follow during Passover, including the Seder service.



History

The children will be learning about the Windrush generation. They will look at why people moved to Britain after WWII. The children will learn about what life was like for the Windrush generation when they arrived in Britain and the difficulties they faced.



Music

The children will spend this half term diving into improvisation in a fresh way. They will experiment with creating their own musical ideas using just two or three notes, whether they are playing instruments or singing. As they explore, they will also think about how music make them feel.



PE

The children will be building upon their multi-skills in cricket. They will start by practising throwing and catching, before moving on to striking the ball with a cricket bat. The children will then apply their knowledge in a game situation called 'caterpillar cricket' - a game which is similar to rounders.



Art

The children are going to explore the world of weaving inspired by Lenore Tawney. They will learn weaving techniques such as warping, wefting and pattern creation, as well as exploring how to create interest and texture using a variety of materials and objects. The children will create their own woven masterpieces inspired by Lenore Tawney's legacy and their own imagination.



PSHE

This term in PSHE the children will ask the question: What is bullying? The children will explore who the special people are who make them feel loved and safe. They will learn what bullying is and how to define it. Finally, they will explore why people may do things that they know are wrong and how to reflect upon this.



Home Learning

Reading – Daily

Times Tables Rock Stars – 3 times per week for 10 minutes



Suggested books for reading



<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/year-2/>