

# Year 2 Newsletter Autumn 1 2025



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## WELCOME BACK

We would like to say a huge 'WELCOME BACK!' to our fabulous Year 2 children and all their families. We have had a super start to the new academic year with the children being positive, bright and happy coming into school every morning, and leaving with huge smiles on their faces at the end of the day. We are so excited to start our new learning journey this term and look forward to a great year ahead. Any questions or worries, please do not hesitate to contact one of us.  
(See below for details on that days that staff are in Pine).

### PE

Children are still able to come to school on their PE days in PE kit. Our PE days will be **Tuesdays and Fridays for this half term. It will change later in the term.**

Please make sure they are wearing suitable clothing for PE indoors and outdoors and that jackets are NAMED!



Subject	Topic
Geography/History	Spatial Sense – map skills
Science	The Human Body
Art	Investigating colour and shape
PE	Gymnastics and fundamental skills including running, jumping, balancing and skipping.
Music	Hands, Feet & Heart – South African Pop
DT	Making Pizza
RE	Who is a Muslim and how do they live?
PSHE	Me and my Relationships
Computing and E-safety	Computing systems and networks – IT around us Self-image and identify and Online Reputation

### Curriculum headlines for the half term

Our writing thread for this half term is

'By the Sea'.

This means our key texts are all within this theme.

We are starting with a text called 'Leaf'



### Reading

All children will have a Reading Record, a 'Book to Share' at home (this can be swapped daily if needed) and a 'Book Bag Book' for phonics OR an Accelerated Reader book if they have finished the RWI phonics programme.



Please remember to record any home reading in their Reading Record.

### Phonics and Assessments

Once again, we will group for phonics and reading lessons everyday and, if appropriate, your child will receive a Dojo message with key sounds to practise at home for the week.

## Phonics

Children were assessed at the end of the summer term and have been re-grouped. Please look out for an invite to the corresponding group's Dojo page. The next assessments on the children's stage of learning will take place within the next few weeks and we will re-group them again accordingly.

Children that have completed the RWI Phonics programme will be in our Guided Reading group and will have access to Accelerated Reader. See below for more details.

### At Home

Please read with your child every day! This really is so important for our early readers.

Practise the weekly spelling list which is posted on Dojo and which is also on Spelling Shed. A spelling homework sheet will also come out each week.

Practise recall of adding and subtracting single digit numbers. E.g  $4 + 7 =$   $9 - 6 =$  practise

Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and then practise the 2, 5 and 10 x tables (and then related division facts).

Help your child to learn to tell the time.

Rewards are given weekly for children that are working hard to do the above.

Thank you as always for your support;

it is greatly appreciated!



### Guided Reading

All children in this group are now accessing Accelerated Reader. They will complete a Star Test that will give them a ZPD level so that they can choose the correct level book for their reading ability.

Please try to read with them daily and then encourage them to quiz either at home or at school and then change their book.

**Ensure their reading book comes in to school everyday.**

Below is the link to log in to Accelerated Reader.  
<http://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/2250882>  
Their User Name is their first initial and first 4 letters of surname (all lowercase).

Mine would be: nedwa  
Password: abc

Select Accelerated Reader and then search for the book title or the quiz number on the label in the book. Then just follow the instructions. The children will be using this in school too. Children should not access Star Tests at home; they are for assessment purposes in school only.

First Class Dojo Reward (1000 points): Bingo and Quiz Afternoon.

Value of the half term: RESPECT

### Year 2 Staff.

#### Teachers:

Miss Edwards—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.  
Mrs Smith—Friday

#### Teaching Assistants:

Mrs Saunders— Mon-Wed A.M  
Mrs Ross—across KS1 every PM