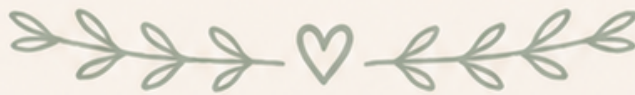




YEAR 2



WANGARI MAATHAI CLASS



AUTUMN 1 TERM
2026



Plant trees,
plant hope.
- Wangari Maathai



Dear Parents and Carers,

During the autumn term we will be focusing on:

English	We will be exploring the book 'The day the crayons quit' building up to writing a persuasive letter.
Maths	Our topic will be place value.
Science	We will learning about habitats.
Religious Education	In RE we will be exploring why do Christians make and keep promises before God?
History	In history we will be looking at how was school different in the past?

All of the learning in this unit has been carefully planned to help your child develop the skills and knowledge they need as they continue through Year 2. Throughout the term, children will be reading, researching, investigating, solving problems, writing, creating and sharing their ideas. They will have opportunities to work independently, with a partner and as part of a group.

Please talk to your child about what they have been learning as the term progresses. Encourage them to share their new knowledge with you and explain what they have discovered, they might even enjoy being the teacher at home!

GENERAL REMINDERS

School starts at 8:40am. The class register will close at 8:50 am.

Children arriving after 8:50am will need to go through the office door and their arrival will be recorded in the late book. If children arrive after 9.00 am they will be marked as late in the register. Please ensure that your child arrives to school on time every day, we start our learning as soon as the day begins.

READING RECORDS

Reading happens 3x a week with a member of the year 2 team. Reading records will be checked and signed. Children will have their books changed once a week, this will consist of a book that is at your child's level as well as a book that they would like to read at home with you. Please do engage with your child's reading at home.

ABSENCE

Please ensure that you contact the school to notify them of any absence from school and the reason for this. A phone call on the day is always appreciated.

JEWELLERY

For the safety of your child please ensure that they do not wear hoop or drop earrings, necklaces, rings or bracelets to school. Children will be asked to remove such items when at school. Small stud earrings are allowed.

P.E

PE takes place on a Wednesday (subject to change) with Miss Jamie. Please ensure your child is in full PE kit on this day.

LABELLING CLOTHING

Please ensure that all clothing is labelled with your child's name. We cannot be liable for lost or misplaced clothing that is not clearly labelled.

SCHOOL LUNCHES/PAKED LUNCHES

Please try to ensure that your child does not change their lunch option in the middle of the half term. This causes confusion for the office. If your child has a packed lunch please ensure that the food provided includes healthy options and forms a well-balanced lunch. No food containing nut, we endeavour to be a **NUT FREE** school.

BREAKFAST

Please ensure your child has a healthy breakfast and has a good start to the day.

BEDTIMES

It is so important that your child goes to bed at a sensible time. A good night's sleep will ensure they are ready energised and ready for learning.

Helping your child to learn ... How you can help?

SPELLING

Your child will be practising the Year 2 Common Exception Words, along with spelling patterns and vocabulary taught in class each week.

Up to 8 spellings will be sent home at the beginning of each week to practise. There will be a spelling test every Friday to monitor progress and identify any gaps in learning.

How can you help at home?

- Practise reading and spelling the words aloud.
- Write each word and use it in a sentence.
- Play simple spelling games such as matching pairs or Snap.
- Encourage your child to spot the words when reading.

Have a look at the year 2 common exception words:

Year 2 Common Exception Words

after
again
any
bath
beautiful
because
behind
both
break
busy
child
children
Christmas

class
climb
clothes
could
cold
door
even
every
everybody
eye
fast
father
find

floor
gold
grass
great
half
hold
hour
improve
kind
last
many
mind
money

most
move
Mr
Mrs
old
only
parents
pass
past
path
people
plant
poor

pretty
prove
should
steak
sugar
sure
told
water
whole
who
wild
would

MATHS

A key focus in Year 2 is developing a strong understanding of number and place value.

Your child will be learning to:

- Read, write and represent numbers up to 100.
- Recognise tens and ones and partition numbers.
- Count in 2s, 5s and 10s.
- Compare and order numbers using $<$, $>$ and $=$.
- Find 10 more and 10 less.
- Recall and use number bonds to 20.
- Solve addition and subtraction problems using mental and written methods.
- Recognise and find halves, quarters and thirds.

It would be helpful to regularly practise these skills at home through everyday activities, games and conversations about numbers.

CLASS DOJO

Our Year 2 class will have a Class Dojo page, which will be regularly updated with activities and learning from the classroom.

Class Dojo will also be used to share important class updates and communicate with parents. Please check the page regularly for messages and announcements.

If you have not yet joined the Year 2 Class Dojo page, please let me know and I will resend the invitation link.

HOME LEARNING

Home Learning will be set each Friday and should be completed and returned by the following Thursday at the latest.

Each week, children will receive:

- English activity
- Weekly spellings
- Maths activity
- One activity linked to our learning from the week

We hope this information gives you a clear understanding of what your child will be learning this term. Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch.

Thank you,
Miss Mohammed
Year 2 Teacher