



# Year 2 Newsletter

## Autumn 1—2024/2025



### Notices and Reminders

It has been wonderful to welcome all of the children back to school this week and to see them start the year in such a positive way.

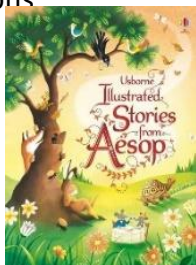
Our PE days for this year are **Mondays (Rabbits only) and Thursdays (Foxes only)**.

If you do have any questions or concerns, however small, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's teacher at the end of the day or email the office to arrange a meeting.

### Reading

In reading this half term, the children will begin reading 'Aesop's Fables'. In their reading lessons, they will look at some of new vocabulary words they encounter in more detail, answer comprehension questions

and discuss the morals of the stories. The children will look at the features of fables and the literary techniques used in the writing.



### Key dates

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September - Y1 meet the teachers meeting (2:30pm in the hall)

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Y2 meet the teachers meeting (2:30pm in the hall)

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September – PTA AGM/autumn meeting (7pm)

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September – PTA autumn school disco (4:30pm to 6:30pm)

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October – YR meet the teachers meeting (2:30pm in the hall)

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October – happy bag collections

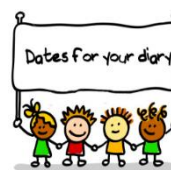
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October – individual and sibling photographs

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – parents' evening (3:30pm to 6:30pm)

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October – parents' evening (3:30pm to 6:30pm)

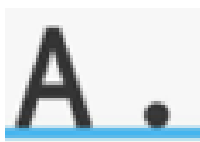
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – YES day

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – end of half term (3:15pm collection)



### Writing

In writing this half term, the children will immerse themselves in a journey tale through orally retelling the story. They will then use their deep knowledge of the story structure to create their own version. Throughout the cycle, the children will be exposed to a range of skills that will help them develop their writing.



### Maths

In maths this half term, the children will learn to recognise the place value of each digit in two-digit numbers. They will count in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10 forward and backward and will start to identify and estimate where numbers are placed on a number line. They will also read and write numbers to 100 in numerals and words and compare them using the  $<$ ,  $>$  and  $=$  signs. We will then start on the addition and subtraction unit.



## Science

In science this half term, our topic is animals, including humans. The children will focus on the life cycles of animals and humans. They will find out about the basic needs of animals and humans, and will describe the importance for humans to exercise, eat the right amounts of different types of food, and have personal hygiene.



## History

In history this half term, the children will think like historians, discovering what life was like in the Victorian Era. They will be learning about Queen Victoria, the Industrial Revolution, inventors, and their inventions, and what life was like for children during this time in history.



## Art

In art this half term, the children will be learning how to draw in the style of Pablo Picasso. The children will learn to draw using lots of different skills including shading and hatching. The children will learn about the artwork of Pablo Picasso and Cubism before creating their own portraits inspired by what they have learned.



## PE

In PE this half term, the focus is on invasion games, working specifically on developing football skills. The children will explore dribbling, turning in different directions as well as learning how to lose an opponent and create space to score a goal!



## RE

This half term in RE, the children will be looking at why Christians celebrate Christmas. They will be looking at the similarities and differences of Matthew and Luke's account of The Nativity and what the key differences are. They will then look at who Mary and Joseph were, who visited the manger and why Mary and Joseph took Jesus to Egypt.



## PSHE

This half term the children will focus on recognising that they all have similarities and differences. They will explore their interests, inside and outside of school, touch on mental health and then explore physical differences - for example- height and hair colour; before finishing the term on their different personality traits.



## Homework

We are currently reviewing our home learning offer for our year 2 children and will share an update later this term. New reading books will be handed out in week 4 (as per our Essential Letters and Sounds phonics scheme's requirements) to allow us to assess the children's current phonics levels and match these to an appropriate text. Once these have been handed out, please make sure your child reads their decodable book at least four times a week at home with an adult.

## Suggested books for reading

