



Year 2 Newsletter

Terms 1 and 2 - Hall of Fame



Welcome To Year 2

A very warm welcome to Year 2 - we are looking forward to lots of exciting times ahead. Our Topic for the next two Terms is Hall of Fame - in term 1 we will be finding out about famous artists and in term 2 we will focus on Famous People from History and will include Black History Month - more about this in Term 2. During Term 1 we will be taking the opportunity to share a Harvest Celebration with you. At the end of the newsletter, you will find some ideas for Home Learning which your child may wish to complete.

What we will be learning in English in Term 1:

Our text for Term 1 is 'The Magic Crayon'

We will be learning:

- To re-tell a story through a Text Map.
- To plan our story writing through a Story Map.
- To write a description of a character using adjectives.
- To use capital letters, full stops, adjectives within our writing.
- To use conjunctions to join our sentences.
- To explore ways of varying our vocabulary.

We will also be learning:

- The features of a poem.
- To be able to write a simple Harvest/Thank You Poem

In our Little Wandle Sessions we will be completing a Phase 5 Review.

What we will be learning in Maths in Term 1:

We will be learning:

Number: Place Value

- Counting to 100
- Partitioning two digit numbers into 10s and 1s
- Recognising the place value of each digit in 2 digit numbers
- Use place value to order numbers up to 100
- Compare and order numbers from 0 to 100 (using <, > and = signs)
- Reason about the location of any 2 digit number on a number line

Number: Addition & Subtraction - we will be:

Adding/Subtracting 1 digit and 1 digit numbers

Adding/Subtracting 2 digit and 1 digit numbers

Adding/Subtracting 2 digit and 2 digit numbers

We will use different methods to explain our answers, for example, verbally, in pictures or using apparatus.

What we will be learning in other areas this term:

In Science we will learning about the uses of everyday materials and investigating what makes a material fit for the job it does. We will also be working scientifically and carrying out some investigations.

In Computing our focus will be on Digital Literacy - we will be learning about word processing and how to type our name and insert a picture. Online Safety will always form part of our lessons and we will be teaching the children about the need to keep personal information private.

In Geography we will be sketching a map of the school and will be finding out what the compass directions are and using them to identify features around us. We will use observational skills to study the geography of the school.

In Art we will be using a range of techniques (for example painting and collage) to create individual pieces of art which will be displayed in our famous Year 2 Art Gallery.

In PE we will be working on Send and Return (ball) skills and Dance (we will be working as a class and within smaller groups to create dance moves and match them to music).

In RE we will be learning about caring for our World and why it matters that we do.

Please Don't forget...

Each child should have a named PE kit, which stays in school - PE starts immediately so please make sure they are all in school.

Water bottles (containing only water) to come in to school daily.

Forest school- children should come in to school wearing suitable forest school clothes (see letter). School shoes should be worn and wellies brought in a named bag to change into for the session. This term it is Viking Bay's turn on Friday afternoons. The sessions will start on Friday 11th September 2026.

Important dates...

Year 2 Science Day - Date to be confirmed

Book Fair- 23rd September-30th September

School photos- 12th October

Parent Consultations - 14th and 15th October

Harvest Festival Celebrations - W/B 19th October. Dates to be confirmed

Last Day of Term 1 - Friday 23rd October 2026

Reminders/For Information/Home Learning Ideas

Please name all of your child's clothes including shoes, PE kits etc. We specifically remind children to change their reading books on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday; however, reading books can be changed on a daily basis if the children have completed their books. Reading Records should be sent in on a daily basis please.

We are taking the opportunity to include a few Home Learning ideas within our Newsletter that your child may wish to complete to complement their learning in school of our topic. If they do complete any of the activities, we would love to see them in class and would encourage the children to share them with their peers:

- Think of your favourite famous person.....if you had the opportunity to interview them, what questions would you ask them to help you find out more about them?
- Imagine you have swapped places with your favourite famous person for one day.....what would your day be like? Can you write a diary entry telling us about your day?
- Can you draw or paint a picture of your most favourite famous person?
- Do you know of any famous people who live in or come from Thanet or Broadstairs? Who are they? What are they famous for? What information can you tell us about them?
- What local artists can you find out about? Can you create a picture in the style that they use?