

## General Information and Reminders

### Top ways to help at home

We have carefully thought about some key areas of the curriculum that can be supported at home. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

- Addition and subtraction facts within 20. Children should really be getting fluent in these by now but the more practice that can be done, the better! The website 'Hit the button' on TopMarks is good for practising these.
- Try to do a bit of writing each week. This could be creative writing, short stories or just a diary. Try including a new word each week.
- Be an active observer of the world around you, including plants, animals, everyday materials and seasonal changes.

### PE

Please ensure that your child has the correct PE uniform in school every day:

blue shorts/tracksuit trousers, a grey t shirt, plimsolls or a change of trainers for outside

**Please ensure all clothes and shoes are clearly labelled with your child's name.**

PE in Year 2 is taught by Mr Spadaccini.



### Trips



6<sup>th</sup> October 2025 - The London Eye

4<sup>th</sup> November 2025 - Florence Nightingale Museum

### Homework

Homework will be sent home on Thursdays and is due back the following Tuesday.

Spellings and mental maths will be sent home on *Thursday* and tested on *Tuesday*.

Homework will cover a range of tasks and subjects over the term.

In addition, children will be expected to read regularly and learn weekly spellings and mental maths.

If you feel that your child has spent sufficient time on his/her homework but has not finished the work set that is fine. We all work at different levels, so ensure your child achieves what is appropriate for his/her ability.



### Class assembly

Our class assembly this term will take place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October. All parents, carers and family members are warmly invited!



### Reminders

- Please ensure all school clothes are named to prevent items getting lost.
- If your child is absent from school, please email the school office on the first day of absence and keep us updated on any further days of absence.
- Your child has been given a Christ Church water bottle. Please make sure your child's water bottle is in school every day.
- Please do not send sweets or any food/non-food items into school to celebrate birthdays, we are unable to hand these out to the other children in the class. Thank you.



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# Welcome to Year 2

## Autumn Term 2025



# Year Two

Class Teacher: Miss Dalton

Support staff: Miss Miguel and Miss Cooper

Other adults working with Y2: Mr Spadaccini (PE), Mr Oliver (Music), Ms Miller (Computing)

Welcome to Year 2 and to a new and exciting school year.

We hope you all had a wonderful summer. This letter outlines our class topics, trips and general information for this term. All the staff in Year 2 are very much looking forward to working with you and your child this year. If you have any worries or concerns, or would like further information about this term's curriculum, please do not hesitate to book an appointment to discuss these with me.

Kind regards, Miss Dalton

## Christ Church Happiness Project

This term we are excited to be focusing on our whole school **Happiness Project!**

Each week, the whole school will focus on one of ten themes teaching about skills and strategies to help everyone

maintain positive mental well-being, alongside knowing when and how to seek extra help. Look out for information about how families can get involved and support at home!



## English



English will be taught through the topics of Stories in familiar settings, Letters and postcards, and Poetry based on a particular poet. We will work on a range of spelling, punctuation, grammar and reading skills through learning related to these genres. We will also recap Phase 5 phonics and move towards spelling and grammar. We will take part in lots of speaking and listening and drama activities as we prepare for our Nativity play before Christmas.

## Maths



Topics:	Key Learning:
Number - Place Value	Ordering, comparing and partitioning numbers to 100
Number - Addition	Adding and subtracting numbers to 100, including missing number problems
Geometry - Shape	Recognising and describing the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, patterns, and lines of symmetry

## Computing



This term we will focus on algorithms and coding using RodoCodo. We will be planning, coding and debugging code. We will also publish postcards when we are learning about them in English lessons.

## RE



Lord's Prayer: We will think about why Jesus taught his disciples to pray the way he did, and will look more closely at the Lord's Prayer, thinking about the meaning of certain parts of it.

Where is the Light of Christmas? - Our Christmas unit will focus on the light of Christmas, and Jesus as the light of the world. Children will also write recounts and do artwork linked to Christmas and the Nativity story.

## History



Florence Nightingale - We will think about why Florence is a significant historical figure, think about how we can learn about her achievements, and consider how she changed nursing for the better.

Great Fire of London - We will look at different historical sources and what we can learn from them. We will also consider lasting changes that were made due to the fire.

## Geography



Are places different around the world? - We will name and locate the seven continents, five oceans and study human and physical characteristics of the United Kingdom. We will also compare the UK to a contrasting location (Australia) and think about similarities and differences between them.

## PSHE



PSHE weeks (linked to our Happiness Project) will take place on the weeks commencing 13<sup>th</sup> October and 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025. We will be learning about positive relationships and friendships. We will also learn about diversity and celebrating differences. There will also be a whole school Anti-Bullying Day.

## PE



This term, the children will learn ball skills - working on control and handling, learning all basic passes and techniques, and taking part in small-sided games, working and focusing on team work.

## Music



Tony Chestnut - A fun, fast-moving action song that has a simple tune and clever lyrics crafted to sound like different parts of the body. Children will try to sing with good diction emphasising word play, (working by ear) learn to play the melody of the song on tuned percussion, explore call-and-response, make up call-and-response patterns with actions, their voices and with instruments. Tue Tue - They will also learn to sing, play and perform actions to the Ghanaian folk song Tue Tue.

## Art



We will do a range of pieces using different materials and techniques, including linked to our topics on Australia and the Nativity. We will be learning about colour and colour mixing. We will also be creating art work based on one of the Happiness Project themes for our Arts project this term.

## Design Technology

Levers and sliders - we will design and create Christmas cards, looking at how levers and sliders can be used to create moving mechanisms. We will then evaluate our designs and finished products.

Please see the reverse for general reminders and some key dates!