

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.

- Writing at home to support the use of basic punctuation. Please support your child to try and write something once a week, this could be a short story, a retelling of a known story or a recount of an event that has happened or somewhere you have been!
- Science - Start being inquisitive about plants and animals around you. Children could try to spot how plants change as Spring comes.
- Maths - Practise basic fluency including doubles, number bonds to 10 and 20 and times tables. Hit the Button is a good website for this.

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

- Wren 300 trip (Great Fire of London) - TBC
- Bird watching trip - TBC

Homework

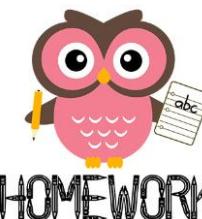
Homework will be sent home on Thursdays and is due back the following Tuesday.

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 23rd January. 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.

Christ Church School, Hampstead

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Year 2
Spring Term 2026



Year Two

Class Teacher: Miss Dalton, Mr Jacobson (trainee teacher)
Other adults working with Y2: Miss Miguel, Mr Oliver (Music),
Mr Spadaccini (PE), Ms Miller (Computing)

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year. We are very much looking forward to working with you and your child again this term. 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. Kind regards, Miss Dalton and the Year 2 team.

This term's Christ Church Arts Project will focus on Dance!

Each class will be working with professional dance teachers to learn a different style of dance - ranging from traditional British folk dances, to line dancing and rock and roll - and then we are planning to share our routines with families in a performance in the Church in the afternoon of Friday 13th March. More details and timings to come. If parents or families have any contacts with dancers or the dance world, we'd love to hear from you! It would be great to have some one-off visits from dancers to share their talents and tell us about what it's like to be a dancer. Please get in touch with class teachers or Mr Hollings if you have any contacts to pass on.



English
English will be taught through a range of genres this term including Information texts, Poems and Dreamtime stories. The children will revise and consolidate their weekly spellings and will be continuing to develop their cursive handwriting style. Reading will continue to develop children's decoding techniques and will focus more on comprehension of texts.



Topics:	Key Learning:
Money	Recognising and counting pence and pounds
Multiplication and Division	Making equal groups and consolidation of 2x 5x and 10x tables
Measure	We will be measuring and comparing lengths using standard units - cm and m and learning mass and capacity.



Science
Later this term we will begin some science units, with the majority taking place in the summer term. This term we will begin learning about Living things and their Habitats. We will learn to identify things that are living, things that are dead and things that have never been alive, name different plants and animals in their habitats and explore simple food chains.



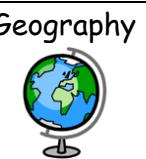
Computing
We will be using technology to make music. We will explore how music can make us think and feel, make patterns and use those patterns to make music with both percussion instruments and digital tools. We will also be learning about staying safe online.



RE
Why are they having a party? We will learn about some of the key festivals that are important to Jewish people: Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot, Hanukkah and learn that they are key points for Jewish people in helping them remember their history
How do the symbols of Easter help us to understand the meaning of Easter for Christians? - We will learn about the concept Salvation and retell the Easter story and think about different symbols that help Christians to remember its meaning.



History
We will start by finishing off learning about Florence Nightingale from last term before moving on to our new topic.
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 compare the UK to a contrasting location (Australia) and think about similarities and differences between them. We will learn about climate, landmarks, compare a week in the life of a child in Australia to their own lives and learn how people in different areas of the world celebrate Christmas.



PSHE
Our PSHE week takes place during the week commencing Monday 2nd February and is focused on keeping ourselves safe and healthy. In Year 2 we will be learning about healthy lifestyles, privacy and our bodies and taking part in workshops about how to keep safe and one about healthy lifestyles. We will also think about keeping safe online.



PE
In the first half of this term we will be covering Health and Fitness. As part of this, we will be learning how to recognise and explain how exercise can contribute to a healthy lifestyle. In the second half of this term, we will be covering Skills



Music
Grandma's Rap - Our musicians will explore beat and rhythm work using crotchets and quavers. It begins with on-the-spot actions, followed by stepping durations, an introduction to stick notation and composition of 4-beat patterns. These patterns will loop to create an accompaniment for the rap!



Art
We will create a range of pieces using different materials and techniques, linked to our topic on The Great Fire of London. We will also be learning about indigenous Australian art linked to our learning in Geography. We hope our masterpieces will be ready to show in our assembly!



Design Technology
This term we will be thinking about where the food we eat comes from and how it fits into the five groups in the Eatwell Guide. We will make a crunchy salad while focusing on our learning about hygienic food preparation. We will also use different cutting/chopping techniques like the bridge and the claw.



French
We will start our basic introduction to French building our speaking and listening skills. We will start to build our vocabulary learning some simple words for example: parts of the body and some food items, as well as words and phrases for please, thank you and excuse me.

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