

General Information and Reminders

Top tips for supporting at home this term:

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

- Sentence structure, spelling and punctuation

Encourage short, purposeful writing such as lists, postcards, diaries or stories.

For example, you could write a shopping list together or ask your child to write instructions for making their favourite food. Parents can support by asking "Does my sentence make sense?", "Have I used a capital letter and full stop?", "Have I checked any words I wasn't sure about?"

- Time and money

Use everyday activities to practise maths skills. For example: "We have £5 and spend £3. How much is left?" or "What time will it be in 30 minutes?"

- Fluency, comprehension and developing vocabulary

At home: Read together for 10-15 minutes each day. Ask questions about the story and discuss new words. For example: "What do you think will happen next?" or "What does this word mean?" Regular reading develops decoding and fluency while also building comprehension and vocabulary.

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.



Trips and key dates for this term - put in date order

Tuesday 6th October - Florence Nightingale Museum

Monday 9th November - National Portrait Gallery

Thursday 26th November, 3.20pm: whole school Art Exhibition

Thursday 10th December, 10am: Infant Nativity

Please also see dates in school newsletters

Class assembly

Our class assembly this term will take place on Friday 6th November at 10am. All parents, carers and family members are warmly invited!

Homework

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

Spellings 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.

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 and speeds, so ensure your child achieves what is appropriate for his/her ability.



Reminders

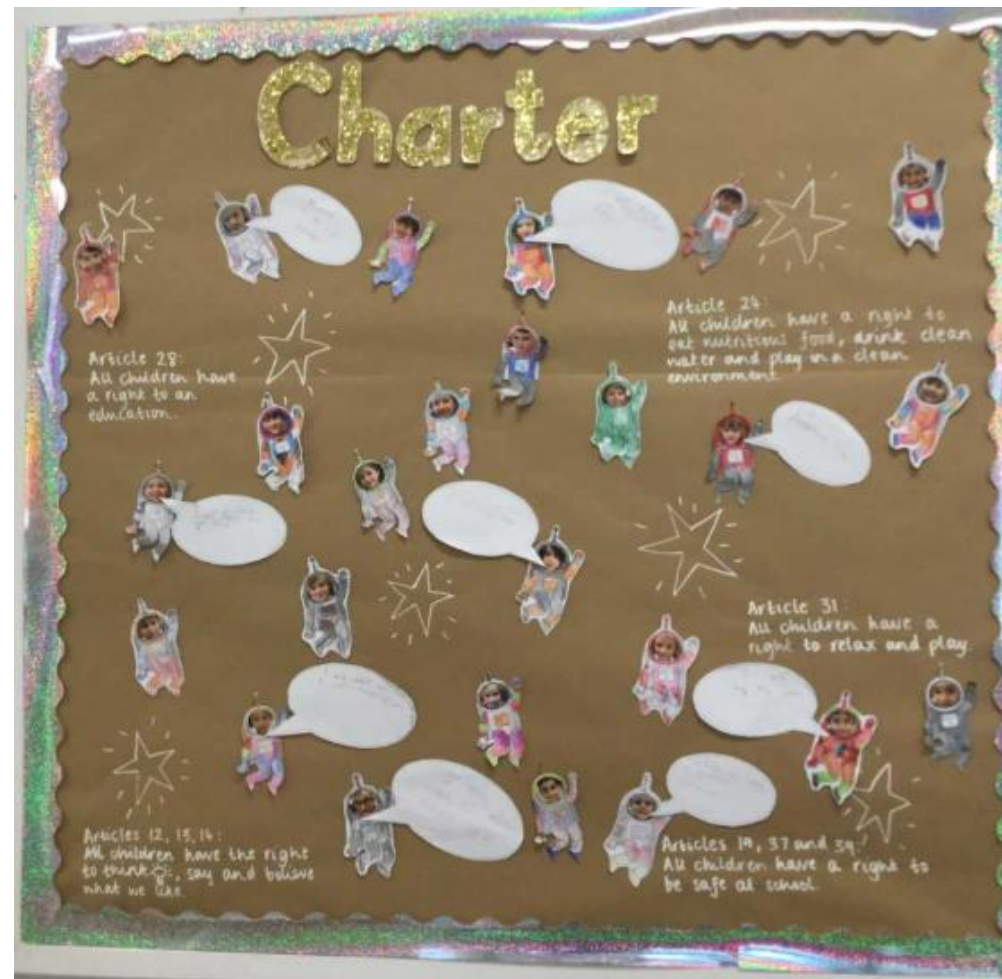
- Please ensure all school clothes/coats are named to prevent items getting lost.
- If your child is absent from school, please email the school office on the first day of absence and keep us updated on any further days of absence.
- Your child has been given a Christ Church water bottle. Please make 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.



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Welcome to Year 2

Autumn Term 2026

	Year Two Class Teacher: Miss Dalton Other teachers working with Year 2: Mr Spadaccini (PE), Mr Oliver (Music), Ms Miller (Computing), Ms Dias (French) Our whole team of excellent teaching assistants work in classes and playgrounds across the school.	
Welcome to Year 2 and to a new and exciting school year! I 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 meet with me. Remember the school day starts at 8.50am when the bell rings in the playground - please make it a new school year resolution to help your child to be on time every day! Kind regards, Miss Dalton		
I TRIED SOMETHING NEW	'Try Something New' week! Look out for 'Try something new' week between 12th - 16th October! Year 6 will be trying lots of new things during the week at their residential trip to a PGL activity centre in Dorset while all the other classes will be trying lots of new activities at school and on local trips. We know that trying new activities helps to keep us interested and curious which helps our well-being and positive mental health. We use the week to talk to children about how they feel before and after trying something new and to help children to build resilience and overcome any anxiety about new activities. Look out for curling, kayaking and bread-making!	I TRIED SOMETHING NEW
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: Number - Place Value Number - Addition Geometry - Shape	Key Learning: Ordering, comparing and partitioning numbers to 100 Adding and subtracting numbers to 100, including missing number problems 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 	<u>Lord's Prayer:</u> 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. <u>Where is the Light of Christmas?</u> - Our Christmas unit will focus on the light of Christmas, and Jesus as the light of the world. Children will begin to understand the key concept of Incarnation and know and remember the meaning of the symbols in the Christingle.
History 	<u>Florence Nightingale</u> - 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. <u>Great Fire of London</u> - 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 week will take place in the week commencing 9th November and will focus on positive relationships and friendships as well as celebrating differences. There will also be a whole school Anti-Bullying Day. In Year 2, we will be learning about what to do if they experience feelings of loneliness and how to ask for help with managing 'big' feelings.
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 	<u>Tony Chestnut/ Tue Tue</u> - In this unit, pupils will be encouraged to sing with good diction to emphasise word play, learn to play the melody of the song on tuned percussion and working by ear, explore call-and-response. 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 self-portraits for our Arts project this term.
Design + Technology 	<u>Levers and sliders</u> - 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.
French 	Year 2 begin an introduction to French this term! In their weekly lesson, they will begin to learn and practise some basic vocabulary and key phrases through songs, stories and lots of speaking and listening activities.

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