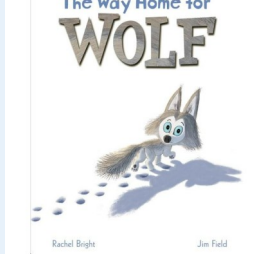


Our key text



Maths: We begin the half term working on place value. Children will consolidate their year one learning about place value and read and write numbers, including some three-digit numbers. Children will learn to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. Later, we will focus on number bonds and fact families within 10, 20 and 100.

Science: We are learning about living things and their habitats. Children will learn to categorise things as living, dead or never been alive by exploring the major life processes. Children will learn how different habitats support different animal and plant life, with a focus on ocean and woodland habitats. Finally, children will learn how animals get their food from other living things and learn the terms herbivore, carnivore and omnivore. Children will understand how food chains depict energy moving from one living thing to another and create some food chains of their own.

Art: Craft and Design: 'Map it Out'

Using maps as a creative stimulus, children will create their own abstract art using collage and print. They will also learn to use felt to create both 2d and 3d artwork. Children will recognise that sometimes, artists are commissioned to create artworks for a given design brief and they will evaluate their own and each others' artwork.

Computing: Computing Systems and Networks: What is a Computer? Children will learn the names and functions of some computer parts and peripherals as well as considering uses of technology in school, the home and beyond.

What are we learning in year 2?

Autumn 1 2025



How can I support my child?

Please continue to hear your child read regularly (at least three times per week). Homework is set each Friday to be returned the following Thursday with spelling tests on Friday. Please encourage your child to complete this. Year two is a crucial time for beginning to learn number facts by heart, so please do practise number bonds at home. Each half term, optional homework activities are provided on Seesaw for the wider curriculum. Visit our class page on the website to see this half term's knowledge organisers.

Music: Pulse, rhythm and pitch. We will explore rhythm using body percussion and learn to keep time. Children will listen to and appraise various pieces of music and begin to discuss tempo and pitch.

PSHE: Families and relationships. Children will learn that families are made up of people who love and care for each other and may look different. They will consider issues which may arise in friendships and when they may need an adult's help to resolve them.

English: In the reading phase, we will practise our literal retrieval skills and develop our prediction and inference skills. We will then write a narrative text based on the Way Home for Wolf. Children will consolidate use of previously-taught punctuation such as full stops and question marks and learn to add interest to their writing through carefully chosen adjectives. Finally, children will experience writing to inform when producing information texts about wolves and other creatures.

Daily spelling lessons will continue with an initial focus on recapping year one learning and then new spelling rules.

Geography: We will investigate hot and cold places around the world to answer our key question: Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place? Children will name and locate the seven continents, the North and South Poles and the Equator, recognising that hotter places are located closer to the Equator. Children will make comparisons between the physical Geography of the UK and Kenya.

Religion and Worldviews: Why do we need to give thanks?

We will consider the reasons people are thankful and how this is expressed. Children will consider the Harvest festival as a Christian time for gratitude, as well as considering how Hindu worship expresses gratitude to God.

PE: Fundamental movement skills within gymnastics, focusing on different ways to move and balance. Striking and fielding games with a focus on simple skills such as throwing, catching and developing co-ordination to strike the ball with a bat.

Important dates, visits and visitors:

PE will take place on