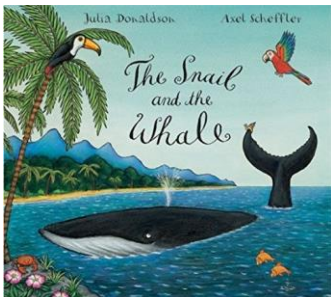


Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2026

Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a lovely summer break and it is wonderful to welcome the children back to school.



Unit of Learning

This half term, we will be looking at The Great Fire of London in History, investigating the causes of the fire and what changed as a result.

In Art, pupils will step back in time to explore the Great Fire of London through the artwork of Jan Griffier and create their own collage silhouettes. In R.E., we will be learning about Diwali and how it is celebrated at this time of year. In Science, we will be learning about animals, including humans, and exploring the different life stages.

English

In English this term, we will be diving into the inspiring story *Look Up!* by Nathan Bryon. The book will provide a wonderful stimulus for our English learning as the children expand their vocabulary and develop their writing skills. We are looking forward to seeing the children's writing take off as they look up, dream big and reach for the stars! We will also be exploring *The Snail and the Whale* by Julia Donaldson, using the story as inspiration to write our own narrative and develop our use of expanded noun phrases.

Maths

In maths we will continue to follow the White Rose scheme. We will be focusing on addition and subtraction – teaching the children a variety of ways to reliably add and subtract two 2-digit numbers. We will recap numbers to 20, including number bonds to 10 and 20 then move on to numbers up to 50 and 100. Towards the end of the term, we will assess the children's understanding so far and ensure they are confident before we move on. It would be helpful if you could work with your child on counting in their 2s, 5s and 10s at home. It would also be beneficial to see if your child knows their number bonds to 10 and 20.

Home Learning

We recognise the importance of learning at home and our Home Learning Journal enables children, parents and teachers to communicate regularly. One of the most important ways to help your child is to read with them and listen to them read. We cannot stress enough the importance of regular reading. We recommend that children read with an adult every evening for about ten minutes. They will have a Little Wandle reading book during the week and choose their own reading book for the weekend. We would also suggest that you encourage your child to apply their reading skills in everyday situations. Please ensure that your child brings their book bag and journal to school every day. The children will also have weekly spellings.

Uniform and P.E. kit

Please label all items of clothing with your child's name so that we can return any mislaid items promptly. Children should bring their PE kit into school every week for PE lessons.

PE days: 2BC (Wednesday, Thursday) & 2AL (Tuesday, Wednesday)

**Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Cam & Miss Lima**