



Miss White

Year 2 Autumn 1

Newsletter

September 2025

Message from Miss White

Welcome back to a fresh new academic year! I hope you have all had a lovely summer break and spent lots of enjoyable family time together where possible - I know I have!

I will be on the door most mornings and at the end of the day if you have any questions, queries or concerns but also feel free to email admin/ ring where a message can be passed over.

In these first few days, we will be allowing the children to choose a reading for pleasure book, which we aim to change with the children as close to weekly as possible,

English

Our first week will be used to explore performance poetry using the 'Ning Nang Nong'. Then, the children will be using the theme of villains to write to describe, write to retell and write to inform. We will be spending some time working on oracy and verbalising what we are writing as part of the retelling process.

Science

Our first unit to explore is Plants, where the children will gain the understanding of what a plant needs to grow, how different plants are better suited to different seasons and why, and the life cycle of a plant.

DT

Our exciting unit in DT is food and nutrition, where the children will explore a variety of healthy foods and learn about a balanced and healthy diet. They will gain an understanding of food hygiene and safety and then design, make and evaluate a food creation of their own.

PSHE

This half term, we will be covering the unit of 'Being in My World'. We also have our annual SRE Big Talk scheduled (see key dates)

COMPUTING

This half term, computing will be taught by Mrs Savidge and our first two units are 'Online safety' and 'Effective searching', which are both digital literacy units where the children will better understand how to keep themselves safe online and protect their accounts with secure passwords.

Phonics/ reading

This half term, we will be working our way through Phase 5. I have assigned reading groups for all of the children and will be working on these in school 3 times per week - a decoding lesson, a prosody lesson and a comprehension lesson.

Please read as much possible with your child at home as this will support them in building up their automatic reading and fluency and their vocabulary. The way I like to think of it is that reading is the key to unlocking all other areas of learning.

RE

Our unit is Islam: Being Human, in which the children will gain a better understanding of what R.E is, have an introduction to the faith of Muslims and their key beliefs and how these impact the way in which they live.

MUSIC

The song focus for this half term is hands, feet, heart. The children will listen and appraise, play warm up games and build on performance skills in each lesson.

PE will be on a Thursday and Friday this half term.

Maths

We will be focusing on the foundations of maths including, place value and working with numbers up to 100 before moving onto addition and subtraction.

Geography

We will be delving into and exploring our local area and looking for the key geographical features. Additionally, we will be learning about the seas and countries of the UK and seasonal weather changes.

PE

In P.E the children will be covering team building which expands on their teamworking skills from year 1 and enables them to communicate and plan ahead of action.

They will also be covering a fundamentals unit which covers the foundation skills for athletics later on in the year.

Key dates

10.9.25 - SRE Big Talk
19.9.25 - Jeans for Genes Day
1.10.25 - Year 2 Team Challenge Trip (selected children)
8.10.25 - Parent Consultations
13.10.25 - Halloween Disco