



## Autumn 2 2024-2025 Newsletter

### Year 2



### One half-term down, 5 to go!

Wow! This half-term feels like it has flown by. The children have worked extremely hard and have truly embraced the transition to Year 2. The Year 2 team are extremely proud of all of them!

We would like to thank all of our families for their support over the course of the half-term. Links between home and school need to be positive and strong and this has definitely appeared to be the case, as children are supported by reading at home daily and encouraged to complete their home learning.

### Reminder of department staff

We have two classes in Y2 - Hedgehogs and Rabbits.

Hedgehogs are taught by Miss Roper (Mon-Wed) and Mr Askew (Thurs-Fri) and Rabbits are taught by Miss Lang. PPA cover in the classes will be taught by Mrs Rowles (Hedgehogs) and Mrs Swift (Rabbits).

Job shares - If your child hasn't previously been taught by a job share it might feel like they have two teachers.

Whilst this is the case, please be reassured that job shares work closely together to ensure a fluid transition between staff mid-week. It is integral that jobs shares communicate everything and therefore, if you have spoken to either Miss Roper or Mr Askew please be aware that they will have shared the information with one another so that they are both able to support your child effectively and to achieve their full potential.



### Calling all authors....

The BBC 500 Words competition is now open for entries and the closing date is 9pm on Friday 8th November 2024.

There are two age categories: 5-7 and 8-11 year-olds. All children need to do is write a story they would love to read in 500 Words or less.

Children of all abilities are strongly encouraged to enter; spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked - it's all about creativity!

### Prizes!

50 finalists will be invited to go to a glamorous grand final at Buckingham Palace in February next year, where the bronze, silver and gold winners in each category will have their stories read out by celebrities.

There are also lots of prizes to be won - each winner will take home a bundle of books and the gold winners also win 500 books for their school library.

Not only that, the winning stories will receive an original illustration from Dapo Adeola, Nigel Parkinson, Lydia Monks, Momoko Abe, Rob Biddulph or Yasmeen Ismail.

The BBC online link is: [www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/articles/zctk7v4#zbx4jfr](http://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/articles/zctk7v4#zbx4jfr)

## A small snippet of what Y2 have been up to!

In Year 2 we spend our time learning and living in the moment, but just in case your child comes home and replies 'nothing' when you ask them what they have done, here's a little insight into our half-term and some of our enjoyable activities! These included: Hello Yellow Day, developing our team building skills, sketching autumnal objects and an 'Exploring Islam' workshop.



## Autumn 2 - Our Y2 Curriculum

### English

Fiction -

The Shadow Strikes by Pie Corbett (Suspence)

Non-Fiction - Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett (Letter)



### Maths

Numbers to 100

Addition and Subtraction

Money



### Science

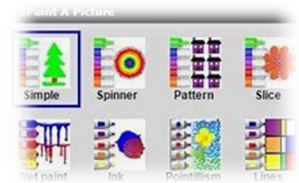
Uses of Everyday

Materials



### Computing

Creating pictures



### History

The Great Fire of London



### Design and Technology

Textiles

Sewing



### PSHE

Celebrating Differences



### Thrive

Our individual class focus



### Religion and Worldviews

Why does Christmas matter to Christians?



### PE

Outdoor PE: Ball Skills

Indoor PE: Target Games

Hedgehogs:

Indoor – Thursday

Outdoor – Tuesday

Rabbits:

Indoor – Friday

Outdoor – Monday



### Music

Orchestral Instruments



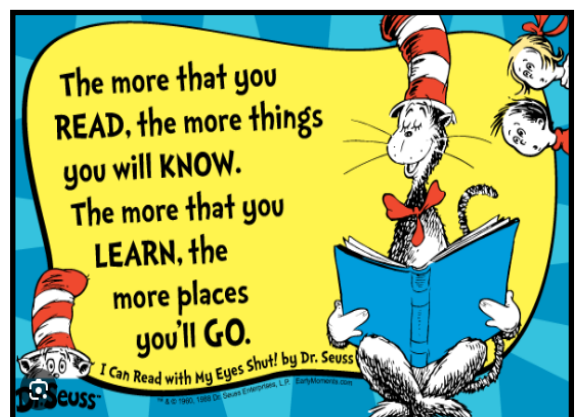
### Reading

Reading is such an important life skill and helps all children to access learning at school.

Daily reads are an essential element of your child's reading progression and help to develop both reading ability and confidence.

Your child should come home with a Library 'reading for pleasure' book that they will have chosen, in addition to a Little Wandle phonics book that they can read confidently.

They will have already had three small group reads with the text and will have focussed on decoding, prosody and comprehension. Please read the book with your child and record any reads in their reading diary.



**Upcoming dates:** (Please refer to our whole school newsletter for any additional information or updated dates)

4.11.24 - INSET day - school closed to pupils

W/C: 11.11.24 - Anti-bullying week

11.11.24 - Primary school applications open for new starters (Reception 2025)

12.11.24 - Open morning

15.11.24 - Children in Need

18.11.24 - Individual/Sibling photographs

18.11.24 - 3:30pm - PTA Recruitment Meeting

10.12.24 - Year 1/2 trip to Cinderella

11.12.24 - Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Film Night 3:30-5pm

20.12.24 - Break-up for Christmas



### Clothing Plea!

In Key Stage One, we have a few children who are currently having toileting accidents. We would really appreciate any donations of old pants, socks and tights, as we are running really low in school and if you can spare any it would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks in advance.

### Nuts

Please be aware that we have children in school who could have an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nut traces. Please only send your children to school with packed lunches that do not contain nuts or products containing nut traces. This includes Nutella and other chocolate spreads/products that contain nut traces or may contain



nut traces.  
Thank you!



### **Attention all Crafters - We need your help!**

(Parents/Grandparents/Aunties/Uncles)

We would love and appreciate your help to support sewing projects for our children between Year 1 and Year 6.

The help would be on an ad hoc basis and over the academic year, possible projects include: making felt baubles, felt finger puppets, purses and cushions.

If this is something you feel you could generously give up your time for, then please contact Mrs Rowles for further information.

Please fill in the volunteering form (available from our school office) to enable the school to carry out a DBS check and add you to the sewing/crafting support team.



### **Communication**

The easiest way to contact us in the Y2 team is by using our email address:

Y1-2department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk

Please be aware that the email address isn't permanently manned, therefore please contact the school office if it is an urgent matter or an email relating to the same day.

We will also use phone calls, texts, X (Twitter), and the school website to keep you informed. We are looking forward to a wonderful Autumn 2 with your child.

If you have any questions or if there is anything else that we can help you with then please don't hesitate to contact us.

Miss Roper, Miss Lang and Mr Askew