



St Alfege with St Peter's

Church of England Primary School

Year 2 Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2026



Welcome to Year 2. It has been a wonderful start to the year. The children have been demonstrating excellent learning behaviours and embracing the school's ethos and values.

ENGLISH

This term in English we will be writing a diary entry based on the Bible story of Jonah and the whale. This will contribute towards a whole school writing display. We will then move on to 'The Climbers' by Ali Standish. We will be writing our own setting description along with sets of instructions so we can advise people on how to look after wild animals!

MATHS

In Maths, we will be focussing on place value and shapes. Children will recognise the place value of each digit in two-digit numbers, and compose and decompose two-digit numbers before moving on to addition and subtraction. In Geometry, children will learn about 2-D and 3-D shapes properties and use lines of symmetry to complete shapes. In Year 2, we begin to focus more on the reasoning skills needed to become successful mathematicians. Children begin to clearly explain how and why they have chosen different methods to solve problems. We have already seen how much the children enjoy a challenge and are sure that they will continue to be inquisitive about the mathematical concepts they are taught.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE)

Our RE units this term are *Why Christians make promises before God* and *Nativity characters*. The children will learn what a promise is and how promises enable Christians to feel closer to God. They will learn and retell the story of the nativity, identifying the important roles of the different characters. Over each half term, to develop and deepen the children's spiritual understanding, the RE lessons will focus on believing, thinking, and living, and will encourage children to ask searching questions.



PHONICS

Phase 5 review and catch up

This term, we will be revisiting previously learned sounds to help children who need more support with mastering the phonic code and becoming fluent readers. For other children, this will serve as a review and practice. We will have a phonics session each day of the week to enable us to move on to Phase 5 Review, which is the next phase of phonic teaching in Year 2.

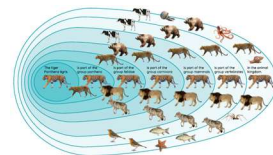
Here is a useful resource link to help your child say the sounds correctly.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

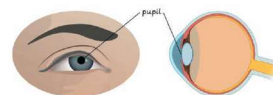
SCIENCE

Through our **living things** science topic this term, the children will be working and thinking scientifically to:

- Explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive.
- Identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other.
- Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats.
- Describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food.



We will also be learning about light and reflection. We will examine how light behaves by investigating reflection, shadows and how light travels in straight lines.





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GEOGRAPHY

In Geography this term, the children will be learning about geographical features of our school and the local area. They will learn about the local area. They will use simple locational and directional language to describe the location of features and routes on an aerial map, begin using the four compass points, North, South, east and West and use aerial photographs and local maps to recognise physical and human features of the immediate locality.

HISTORY

In history children will be learning about the Gunpowder Plot. This will include learning about Guy Fawkes and Robert Catesby, understanding why the event took place and why the Houses of Parliament was chosen. Children will also develop an understanding of the significance of bonfire night.

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Children will be focusing on food and nutrition. They will begin to understand food hygiene and all about the importance of healthy food. Using their weighing, measuring and cooking skills, the children will create their own fruit flapjacks.

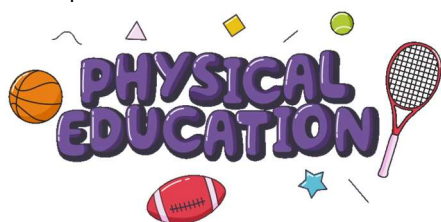
COMPUTING

In our computing unit this term, the children will be learning about information technology around us. They will explore what information technology is in relation to the school and the world, how to use it safely and in different ways and how it benefits us. They will also be learning about digital photography

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)

Year 2 have PE every Monday afternoon and Wednesday morning. On Mondays children should wear their school uniform to school. They will change for PE in the afternoon and go home in their PE kits. On Wednesdays children should wear their PE kits to school and have their school uniforms in their school bags ready to change into after the lesson. Please ensure all PE kits are labelled. There will be no spare PE kits available at school so if children do not bring in their kit they will not be able to take part in the lesson.

Our topics this term are Dance and Football.



ART

In art children will be developing their observational drawing skills. They will be able to sketch what they observe and add texture using dots, lines, hatching and cross hatching techniques. They will also practice shading to show light and shadow and add different tones with coloured pencils.

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PSHE (Personal, Social, Health, Economic)

In PSHE this half term children will be learning about how everyday choices support health and wellbeing by exploring the effects of movement, sleep, food and drink on the body. Next half term they will be recognising how families and communities can be similar and different, as well as learning about kindness, respect and positive relationships.

MUSIC

In music this term, we will be developing our skills of musical instruments. The children will delve into the playing of the glockenspiel - learning the correct holding techniques, accuracy and striking motion. Along with this, the children will begin to use simple notation and play rhythmically on simple scales.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

This half term Year 2 will be visiting the Cutty Sark, more details will be provided nearer the time.

CLASS REMINDERS

PE: Monday afternoons and Wednesday mornings
Books changed: Fridays

Thank you all for your support!