



Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn 2—2025/2026



Notices and Reminders

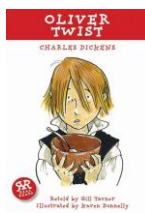
Remember to bring in the following daily please:

- Water bottle
- Reading book and diary

Reading

This term the children will be reading 'The Secret Garden' by Frances Hodgson Burnett. They will be focusing on reading with fluency and understanding vocabulary.

The class reads will be 'Oliver Twist' by Charles Dickens and 'The Dark' by Lemony Snicket.



Key dates

Mon 3rd Nov INSET DAY

Thurs 6th Nov - skipping workshops

Mon 10th Nov - Wear Odd Socks for Anti-Bullying Week

Fri 14th Nov - Mufti Day for Children in Need

Tues 18th Nov - road safety magic show

Fri 21st Nov - Dress Down Day, in exchange for a gift for our children's tombola

Fri 21st Nov - School Disco

Weds 26th Nov 8:45-9:30am - SENCO coffee morning

Fri 28th Nov - Crazy Hair Day, in exchange for a bottle for our adult tombola

Fri 5th Dec - Christmas Fair

Tues 9th Dec – Pied Piper Theatre Company

Weds 10th Dec – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Weds 10th Dec - Countdown to Christmas

Fri 19th Dec - last day of term 1.15pm finish

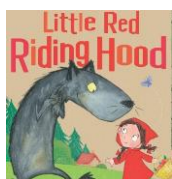
Mon 22nd December to Friday 2nd January - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Mon 5th Jan - INSET DAY

Tues 6th Jan - back to school

Writing

In writing this half term, the children will immerse themselves in an instructional text (How to Trap a Dragon). Then they will focus on the texts 'Little Red Riding Hood' and will begin a letter to the wolf. Throughout the cycle, the children will be exposed to a range of skills that will help them develop their writing.



Maths

The children will continue to master addition and subtraction skills. They will learn to add and subtract across a multiple of ten and solve problems with two-digit numbers. They will then learn about shape which will include investigating 2D and 3D shapes including vertices, sides, faces, edges, patterns and symmetry.



Science

This half term, the children will learn why exercise and hygiene are important for our bodies. They will then learn how they can conserve energy at home and at school, focusing on their research skills. They will also be looking at renewable and non-renewable resources and how they can conserve materials.



History

This half term, the children will continue learning about the Victorian Era, focusing on what life was like for children. They will have the opportunity to compare their own lives with the living conditions of children during the Victorian Era and how life was different for the rich and poor.



DT

In DT this half term, the children will be learning how to make a stable structure by building a chair that will be suitable for Baby Bear. They will be learning about the key features of a stable structure, as well as how to construct, test and evaluate it.



PE

This half term the focus in PE changes to dance. The children will be experimenting with moving at different speeds and different levels using their body in a range of challenging ways. They will then begin to put together a complete routine based on the children learning to move like toys.



Computing

This half term, the children will learn what a photo is and how to take a great photograph. The children will find out the difference between a photograph and a digital image, as well as how photographs and digital images can be stored. Finally, they will explore taking their own photographs, looking at composition, light and how to edit photographs to make them even better.



PSHE

This half term, the children will learn the characteristics that contribute to positive and healthy friendships, including kindness, trust, and respect. They will explore good ways of making friends and finally, how to befriend someone who may be feeling lonely or shy.



Home Learning

Encourage your child to enjoy **five reading sessions each week** — regular reading builds confidence and a love of books.

Spend around **10 minutes a week** practising times tables on *Times Tables Rock Stars* — a fun way to boost number confidence.

Support your child to complete **at least one activity each half term** from the green, *Home Learning Book* — a great chance to be creative and share learning together.

Suggested books for reading

