



# Year 2 Newsletter

## Spring 1—2025/2026



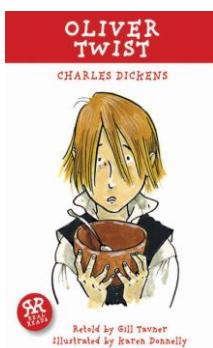
### Notices and Reminders

Remember to bring in the following daily please:

- Water bottle
- Reading book and diary

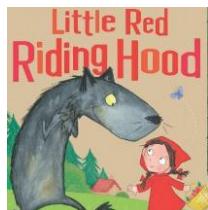
### Reading

This half term the children will be reading 'Oliver Twist' by Charles Dickens (retold by Gill Tavner) focusing on new vocabulary and building on their comprehension skills. They will be able to use their previous learning about the Victorian era to support their understanding of what life was like for Oliver and his friends.



### Writing

This half term the children will focus on the text 'Little Red Riding Hood' and will begin a letter to the wolf. In their English language lessons, they will be learning to identify and use a range of common and proper nouns and determiners. Throughout the term, the children will continue to develop their handwriting and build on their knowledge and understanding of spelling, punctuation and grammar.



### Key dates

#### **January 2026**

- Monday 5th Jan - INSET DAY (school closed to children)
- Tuesday 6th Jan - back to school

#### **February 2026**

- Friday 6th February: Own Clothes Day (for Valentine's tombola donation)
- Friday 13th February: Valentine's Cake Sale and Tombola
- 16th to 20th February - Half Term Holidays

Please refer to the school newsletter regularly as more dates and events will be added!

### Maths

This half term the children will learn to recognise and use symbols for pounds (£) and pence (p). They will also combine and find different combinations of coins equalling the same amounts. Using this knowledge, the children will then solve simple problems in a practical context involving addition and subtraction of money, including giving change. The children will begin the multiplication and division unit by recognising equal groups.



## Science

In science, the children will be learning how to identify and classify if something is alive, was once alive or has never been alive. The children will be exploring what a habitat is, and what makes a good habitat for a variety of plants and animals. Finally, the children will investigate food chains and learn how to construct a simple one.



## Geography

This term in geography, the children will begin to answer the question 'Why doesn't anyone live in Antarctica permanently?' The children will learn to locate Antarctica and identify its seasons and climate. They will then begin to learn the different plants and animals that can be found in Antarctica.



## Art

In art, the children will be learning about abstract painting in the style of Kandinsky. They will start by learning about tints and tones before extending their knowledge of secondary colours by learning and creating tertiary colours on a colour wheel. They will then create their own concentric circle inspired art.



## PE

This half term, the children will be focusing on gymnastics. They will build on the skills learned in Year 1, working on fundamental movements such as running, jumping, throwing, and catching. In addition, they will continue to develop their balance, agility, and coordination, and start applying these abilities across a variety of activities.



## Computing

This term, the children will learn the basics of programming using Bee-Bots and ScratchJr. They will practise giving instructions in the correct order and see how robots and characters follow these commands step by step. The children will also learn about block coding to create an algorithm. Finally, they will design a simple project.



## PSHE

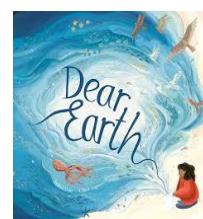
In PSHE, the children will be exploring the question: What jobs do different people have? They will be learning the reasons why people have jobs and how people choose their jobs too. They will also spend time considering which jobs they might like to do in the future.



## Homework

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



Dear Earth by Isabel Otte and Clara Anganuzzi