



# Year 2 Newsletter

## Autumn 2—2024/2025



### Notices and Reminders

PE Day- Thursday (Please remember to wear PE clothes on this day)

Uniform expectations remain high- please check your child is wearing the correct clothing-

[Uniform Expectations](#)

### Key dates

#### November

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>- Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>-Children in Need – Crazy hair & Spots day

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Scholastic Bookfair

#### December

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> - SEND Coffee Morning

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>- EYFS and KS1 Christmas Performance

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> - Elf Run for Phyllis Tuckwell

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>- EYFS and KS1 Christmas Performance

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>- Rocksteady Concert

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>- Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> - Carols on the Playground- 5pm

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> - End of Term

#### January

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> - Return to School

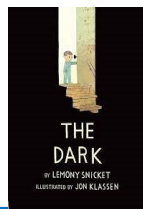
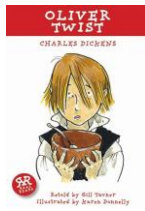
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> - Inset Day

### 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.



### Writing

In writing this half term, the children will immerse themselves in a warning tale through orally retelling the story. They will then use their deep knowledge of the story structure to create their own version of Kassim and the Dragon.

Once complete, the following text will be an instructional text (How to Trap a Dragon). 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 be used.



## History

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



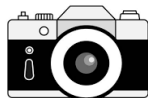
## PE

This half term the focus in PE changes to dance. The children will be experimenting with moving at different speeds and different levels using our 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.



## Homework

Reading- 5 x per week

Maths- Times Table Rockstars

## Suggested books for reading

