



YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER

Spring TERM 2026



Deer Class	Hedgehog Class	Squirrel Class
Mrs Hawkins	Miss Rahman	Mr Callery
LSAs: LSAs: Miss Martin, Miss Natasha, Mr Adaway, Miss Cullen, Mrs Saba, Mrs Cox, Mrs Swinburn.		

Welcome back to Year 2! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and that your child is back to school and ready to learn!

Year 2 is the end of Key Stage 1 and therefore, the expectations of behaviour and learning are high. We welcome your support in the education of your child and we believe that working together will enable your child to effectively access the more challenging curriculum.

Home Learning

- We plan homework tasks very carefully to support and consolidate school learning. Therefore, it is vital that you support and encourage your child to complete the tasks set and communicate with their teacher if they have any problems in doing so.
- For additional information on the Year 2 curriculum, please refer to the Long Term Curriculum Overview for Year 2.
- All maths overviews can be located on the school website.
- Information on home learning projects will be sent out shortly with an expected due date.

Mathematics



- Mathletics tasks will be assigned for home learning each Thursday which must be completed by the following Thursday. This will be linked to the maths learning in lessons that week.
- Maths Shed activities will also be set for your child, with a focus on number bonds and times tables. 10 minutes daily.

English



- Reading – Please ensure that your child reads their phonically matched reading book regularly on Collins ebooks and that this is recorded in their reading record. These books will be set online on a Friday. To be read daily. A sharing book will be sent home twice a week with the reading record on a Tuesday and Friday. This is a book that you can enjoy reading together. Please ensure your child's reading record is in school every day.
- Spelling – A Spelling Shed activity will be set each Friday and needs to be completed by the following Friday. 10 minutes daily. We will be doing a spelling test in class on the spellings that have been set that week.
- **Username and passwords are stuck in your child's reading record.**

PE Days & PE Kits

PE will be on **Monday and Wednesday** from January for Squirrel, Deer & Hedgehog. Please ensure each item of your child's PE kit is clearly labelled with their name.

The expectation is that your child comes into school in their PE kit on PE days.

Marvellous Me



Marvellous Me will be used to send out key information as well as to celebrate your child's successes. It is essential that you are signed up to the app and that you check it regularly.



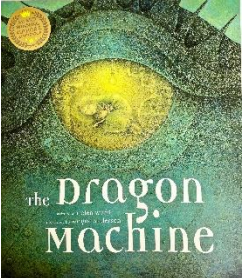
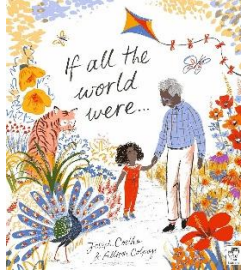
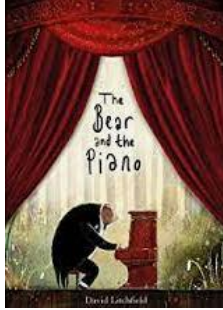
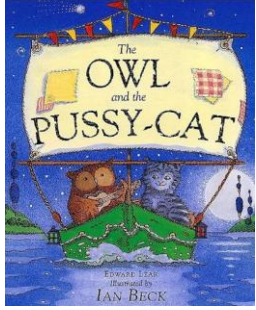
Remember to check if your child is this week's Star Writer in the weekly newsletter!

Important Dates

10th February	Parents evening
11th February	Parents evening
12 th February	Year 2 trip to Wisley Gardens
13th February	Inset Day
16th February	Half term
23rd February	Back to school
5th March	World Book Day
13th March	Windsor Castle Trip
19 th March	Deer Class Assesmbly
27th March	Break up at 2pm

Hedgehog and Squirrel Class will have their assemblies in the Summer 1 when we return to school.

At APPS, we follow the Literary Curriculum from Literacy Tree, which places quality literature at the core of English teaching. Below are the texts that Year 2 will study over the course of the term. If you are able to discuss the books with your child as we study them, it would really support their learning. All books are available from bookshops and local libraries. Please refer to the whole school text overview on the school's website for the texts studied in the spring and summer terms.

Spring 1		Spring 2	
<p>The Dragon Machine by Helen Ward</p> 	<p>If all the world were...</p> 	<p>The Bear and the Piano</p> 	<p>The Owl and the Pussy cat</p> 

Celebration of Autumn Term Learning

<p>In science we have been looking at properties of different materials. We were investigating how materials can be used in different ways. This helped is when it came to making a 'safety suit' for an egg. After listening to the poem about Humpty Dumpty, the children worked in pairs to protect an egg from being dropped from a measured height. We then created a fair test where our eggs were drop from the same hight in the same way to see if we use the correct materials.</p>	<p>In Autumn 2, our history topic was The Great Fire of London. We had a fantastic workshop with History off the page. We learnt all about how and where the fire started, why it spread so easily and learned about some important people from this time! We also found out about the impact this event had on life today. In English, we created a fire line filling our buckets with water from our makeshift Thames. We got to experience how hard it was to try and control the fire that was ranging across London.</p>
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We are very much looking forward to continuing to work with you to give your child the very best learning experience at APPS. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 2 Team

For further information or queries, please check the school's website or twitter accounts.

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