



A very warm welcome to Year 2  
We hope you have had a lovely six weeks holiday and are now looking forward to Year 2!

In this newsletter we will outline the important information about this half term and tell you a little about your child's learning.

### First off, introductions

Your child's teacher on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be Mrs Barrett. Mrs Barrett is new to us this year, she has been teaching for over ten years and has lots of experience in Key Stage 1, On Thursday and Friday your child's teacher will be Mrs Garner, many of you know her already but for those of you who don't Mrs Garner has been teaching at Whaplode for six years now and has an expertise in Key Stage 1, specifically Year 2. Our Year 2 teaching assistants are Mrs Greenacre and Miss Hume.

### Important Information

Homework will be sent home on a Monday and must be in by the Friday of the same week. Children are expected to read at home a minimum of 4 times a week in line with school policy. Please ask your child questions as they read to aid their comprehension and remember to sign their reading diary.

Weekly spellings will be sent home on a Friday and tested on the following Friday.

Children should attend in PE kits on a Thursday and Friday.

Don't forget to check out the school website and Twitter for useful information and to see what we've been up to.



WE ARE ALWAYS  
*learning*

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### English

This term we will be writing a story based on a book called The Building Boy. We will also be writing some reports on pirates; and we will be taking inspiration from Desk Diddler by Michael Rosen to help us write our own poetry. We will study many books in our reading skills lessons such as Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers.

### Maths

In Maths this half term we will be learning about place value and numbers within 100. The children will be revising their number bonds and using the facts they know to unpick bigger problems for example: If I know  $5+5=10$ , I know  $50+50=100$ .

### Science

We will be developing our knowledge and understanding of the human body. The children will learn about how our body works and systems keep us alive and healthy.

### RE

In RE this half term the children will be learning about Islam we will be studying the Five Pillars of Islam and discussing harmony.

### PE

On a Thursday, the children are lucky to have our wonderful sports coach Miss King teach them ball skills and Mrs Garner will be teaching the children team building games on a Friday.

### Foundation Subjects

#### Geography

In Geography this half term the children will be learning about spatial awareness and their local area.

#### Art

In Art the children are building on their knowledge of colour and shape using a wide variety of artists as inspiration.

#### Computing

This half term the children will be learning how to stay safe online.

#### Music

In music this half term the children will be learning how to appraise, sing and use instruments to perform a song.

#### PSHE

In PSHE the children will be discussing themselves and letting us know what makes them special. We will also be finding out about our hopes and dreams for Year 2.