



Teacher Newsletter

Year Two Autumn Term 2026



Welcome to Year Two!

Welcome back to school for an exciting year in Year 2.

We are very excited about the topics and activities we have planned for the year ahead. Please see the Curriculum Map for more information on this. We are particularly looking forward to our school trip to St Albans Cathedral (date to be confirmed) as well as the KS1 Christmas Show towards the end of term (more details to follow).

Don't forget, we would like to encourage reading for pleasure —that means *anything* your child enjoys, whether it's magazines, comics, graphic novels or even listening to audiobooks. You will receive information about our Reading Bingo Challenge and we are looking forward to sharing your child's new reads with the rest of the class.

If you need to speak to a teacher we have an open door policy, however the best time to speak to us is after school, or you can also email the office staff, who will pass on any messages.

Staff

Chestnut

Mrs Power

Maple

Mrs Gaines (Mon-Thurs) Mrs Spencer (Fri)

Mrs Antoniou will work across Year Two

Mr Kelly will cover the teachers' PPA time.

Support staff are subject to change throughout the year.

PE

PE kits need to come into school every Monday. They will be sent home for washing each Friday.

PE Days:

Chestnut: Monday and Thursday

Maple: Monday and Friday

PE Kit

Plain t-shirt in house colour

Black shorts

Black jogging bottoms or shorts

Black plain jumper

Suitable trainers (not plimsolls)

Reminders

All children should have a coat and water bottle in school every day.

Woodlands – We plan to go to Woodlands once every half term. We will let you know the date in advance.

Library Day- Library will be on a Monday for Chestnut class and a Maple Monday for class. Please only send library books in on this day.

Packed Lunches– If your child has a packed lunch, please remember we are a nut free school.

We provide the children with a healthy snack of fruit or vegetable each day.

Reading

At Redbourn Primary we focus on regularly hearing children read a banded reading book in school. In Reception, children will be given a Monster Phonics book, which they have read fluently in school, to read at home. They will also be given two other reading books for you to share at home over the week.

Please also continue to help your children to remember to bring their banded reading book and reading record into school every day, as they may have opportunities to read to additional adults if appropriate.

When reading ask questions to check your child's understanding. Talk about the book afterwards – did they enjoy it? Why? What was the best part? For non-fiction books – did they learn anything new? Can they share these facts with another member of the family?

Home Learning

- No more than 45 minutes a week should be spent on Home Learning tasks, plus daily reading.
- Logins can be found in your child's Reading Record.
- Hear your child read- ideally 10 minutes daily
- Encourage reading of other books
- At least weekly access on Reading Eggs
- X 3 per week Numbots
- Weekly spellings - linked to spelling sessions and the Y1/2 Common Exception Words.
- Task from White Rose Maths Practice Journal. Spellings and maths will be set on a Friday, to be returned by Wednesday.

THRIVE Values

Autumn A: Teamwork

We are a team. We are honest and trustworthy. We are effective listeners and communicators. We co-operate with one another. We are helpful and we show empathy.

Autumn B: Healthy

We are healthy. We look after our physical and mental wellbeing. We are happy, we are resilient and we have a growth mindset.