



Year 2 Curriculum Overview

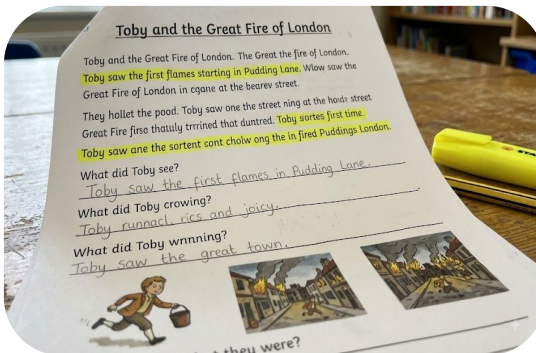
Term 1 2026–27

Discover what your child will be learning this term.

English

Writing

We begin our Year 2 writing adventure with the heartwarming story 'Ruby's Worry', helping us explore our feelings, describe what brings us joy, and learn positive ways to handle worries. Next, we connect English directly with our History lessons through the story 'Toby & the Great Fire of London'. We will step back in time to write vivid descriptions, create imaginative diary entries, and craft our very own exciting historical stories. *Key vocabulary: emotions, empathy, description, narrative*



Reading

Building on the strong phonics skills from their earlier years, reading in Year 2 is all about bringing stories to life! We will learn to read with smooth fluency and wonderful expression, helping us truly fall in love with books. During our supportive guided reading sessions, we will use a variety of exciting texts together, helping us find facts, spot hidden clues, make clever comparisons, and build a deep understanding of everything we read!

Spelling and Handwriting

With our exciting new Ready, Steady Spell program, learning to spell becomes a fun puzzle! We start by reviewing familiar sound patterns, then learn how adding special endings—like -ing, -ed, and -er—changes words. Through catchy "Rule Rhymes," visual games, and word discovery, we will naturally remember tricky spellings for life. Alongside spelling, we use the Letter-joins program to guide us towards beautiful cursive handwriting, step by step, helping us form and connect their letters with complete pride and ease!

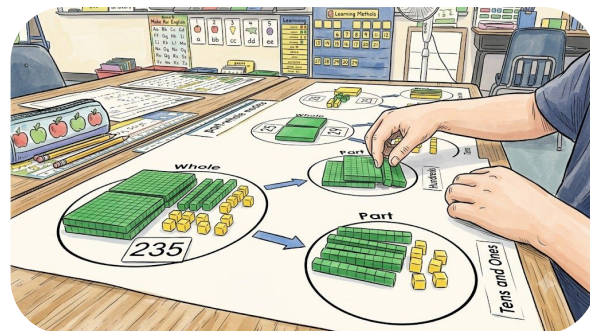


Maths

Place Value, Addition & Subtraction

This term, we will explore Place Value, Addition, and Subtraction using hands-on tools like Dienes blocks and number lines. We will learn to count, compare, and solve problems with numbers up to 100. We will also be challenged to explain how we found our answers to deepen our understanding. We aim to keep Maths learning practical and fun and are well stocked with a range of resources to help support and challenge our mathematical thinking.

Key vocabulary: digit, place value, partition, sum, difference



Science

Materials

We will step into the fascinating world of Materials, becoming scientists through thrilling hands-on investigations. By putting everyday materials like wood, plastic, metal, and glass through exciting comparative tests, we will discover why certain materials are chosen to build sturdy houses, bounce high, or keep us dry. We will also put our skills to the ultimate test by designing and crafting a protective, shock-absorbing sleeping bag to keep Humpty Dumpty safe from a great fall!

Key vocabulary: natural, man-made, flexible, rigid, brittle, waterproof



Computing

Programming & AR Storytelling

We will become Year 2 tech-pioneers bringing our imagination to life as we build precise algorithms to animate hilarious knock-knock jokes on ScratchJr, learning to code sprites, sequence actions, and debug our programs for maximum laughs. We will then continue our computing adventure as we step into the world of Augmented Reality (AR), discovering how to blend real life with digital magic as they design, record, and evaluate our very own interactive 3D story scenes using AR MARK.

Key vocabulary: code, program, command, debug, predict



History

The Great Fire of London

In our History lessons, we will travel back 360 years as historians to investigate The Great Fire of London! We will become history detectives stepping directly into 1666 to explore crowded wooden streets, master historical clues from old paintings, and examine eyewitness accounts including the famous diary of Samuel Pepys. From racing in a high-energy "bucket brigade" relay to analysing how Sir Christopher Wren's fire-proof brick designs transformed a ruined city, we will discover how a single spark in Pudding Lane forever changed London.

Key vocabulary: timeline, bakery, source, diary, flammable



Art and Design

Drawing

Through our Art lessons this term, we will learn to draw from memory, use thick and thin lines, and create dynamic repeating patterns. We will also discover tricks to make drawings look 3D with perspective and practise drawing people in fun new ways by exploring different proportions. Every lesson will help us to build confidence and creativity as we develop our skills.

Key vocabulary: pattern, proportion, texture, primary colours, secondary colours



Design and Technology

Structures

We will step into the shoes of master engineers as we take on a structures challenge! We will design, build, and evaluate our very own 1666 Tudor-style houses. By exploring different materials like wood, card, and paper, we will learn how to assemble free standing frames and use clever joining techniques to make our buildings stronger and more stable. We will put their technical skills to the test, measuring, cutting, and shaping components, to construct a realistic historical street while discovering how smart architecture can stand tall against the test of time!

Key vocabulary: structure, stable, strong, join, test



Music

Singing - Tony Chestnut

In this unit, we will explore music through vocal play, clapping rhythms, and fun 'echo games' based on a playful song. We will practise singing high and low notes accurately and keeping a steady, continuous beat. We will memorise lyrics, practise echoing musical lines, and try out simple tuned and untuned percussion instruments, such as glockenspiels and drums.

Key Vocabulary: Call & Response, Pitch, Tempo, Beat, Percussion, Pitched, Unpitched



PSHE

Healthy Relationships & Feelings and Emotions



Empathy, kindness, and big feelings take centre stage in our PHSE lessons. We will learn to navigate our emotions by exploring a rich world of feeling words, practising circle-time discussions, and playing interactive games. We will learn to resolve everyday conflicts, develop negotiation tools, and stand up against bullying. From recognising what makes our own families uniquely special, to understanding personal space, consent, and safe vs. unsafe secrets, we will build essential life skills.

PE and Swimming

Gymnastics, Dance and Swimming

Year 2 hit the ground running in Term 1 with an exciting lineup of Gymnastics, Dance and Swimming! We focus on precision and control as we create, refine, and repeat sequence routines featuring a range of gymnastic actions. Moving over to Dance, we will express our creative sides by learning and remembering short dance sequences themed around animals and their natural habitats.. Alongside these energetic PE lessons, children continuously develop their essential water confidence and stroke technique by making waves in their structured Swim Pathways!





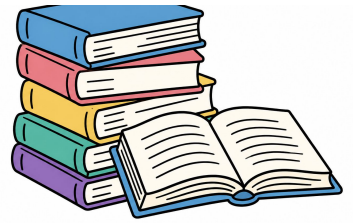
Supporting Learning at Home

Useful websites, activities and ways to help your child.

Make Reading Part of Everyday Life

Encourage your child to read for pleasure, not just as part of their homework. Build reading into your daily routine and choose physical books wherever possible to develop a lifelong love of reading.

Show an interest in what they are reading by asking about the story, characters and what they think might happen next. Talking about books together is one of the best ways to develop confident, enthusiastic readers.



Ideas	
Reading	When sharing books ask questions like: What was the most surprising thing that happened in this story? How do you think that character felt? What do you think will happen next.
Writing	Writing tasks will come home every two weeks on Friday (alternating with Maths). Questions to ask: If you were in this story, what would you do next? What are three exciting describing words we could use here?
Spellings	New spelling lists are sent home every Friday, followed by a friendly progress check the following Friday. Questions to ask: Can you spot any words around us that end in -ing or -ed? What rhyme helps us remember this tricky word?
Handwriting	In Year 2, children learn to flow their letters together using cursive handwriting. Questions to ask: How do you form this letter at school? Can you check your pencil grip is correct?
Maths	Maths tasks will come home every two weeks on Friday (alternating with Writing). Questions to ask: Can you explain to me how you got that answer? Is there another way we could solve this together?
Google Classroom	Keep an eye on Google Classroom! We will share catchy learning songs, fun videos, and interactive activities we use in school so you and your child can sing, watch, and learn together at home.