



Welcome to Year 2!

Mrs Cook

Autumn Term 2025

Welcome back to all of the Year 2 pupils and families! I hope that you all had a lovely summer and are ready and raring to get back to our school family and continue on our adventure. I am so excited to be sharing the excitement of moving to Year 2 with the children. I know that we are going to continue to make lots more memories, learn new things and grow. The children are now the oldest pupils in KS1 and I know that they are ready to take on the responsibilities that go alongside this.

Our scripture theme for the year will build upon our **'BRW Spirit Strong'** motto. Our scripture theme is **'The Treasure Within'** Matthew 6:21, where we will focus on our spiritual values within and showing human dignity to all.

As always, our RE topics will be at the heart of our learning this term:

- **Creation and Covenant** We will describe how we are stewards of God's world. We will retell scripture related to Noah's Ark and talk about the lessons we can learn from this story. We will also learn about the sacrament of Baptism.
- **Prophacy and Promise:** The children will learn about the stories of John the Baptist and the First Christmas. We will explore how other cultures prepare during Advent and why Mary was chosen to be Jesus' mother.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Mass of Welcome**
17th September 2.00pm
- **Mental Health Day**
10th October
- **Parent's Consultations**
7th October
4.00pm — 7.00pm
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8th October
1:30pm — 3:30pm
- **Harvest Mass**
15th October 2.00pm
- **INSET**
3rd November
- **Year 2 Nativity**
9th December 2.30pm
- **Christmas Jumper Day**
16th December
- **Advent Mass**
17th December 2.00pm
- **Last day of term**
19th December

New Beginnings

Year 2 have got an exciting term ahead of them. They will start their learning journey by learning about the history of Clifton, Clifton Village and Clifton Colliery. We will use our historical enquiry skills to find out more about changes to our local area over time.

We learn about the land uses of Clifton during our geography lessons. We will identify human and physical features of our local area and learn how to use grid references on a map.

In D&T lessons we will design and build large and small scale vehicle's using a range of materials and joining techniques. We will be inspired by the different types of transport we see in our local area.



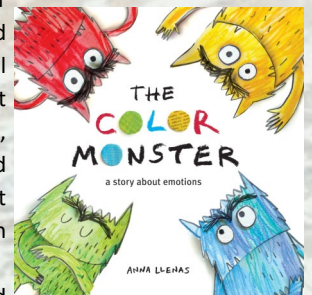
Our artistic talents will be put to the test when we learn about tone and texture in art lessons. We will learn how to use charcoal to make marks and learn how to add shade and tone to our drawings. We will use these skills as we produce observational autumn pictures. .

Our science topic this term is plants and everyday materials. We will learn about

planting at different times of the year and get ready for spring as we plant plenty of bulbs to brighten our school grounds. The children will be excited by investigations into waterproof materials and floating and sinking investigations as part of our materials topic

In PE we will be joining Mrs Bathgate for fundamentals lessons and Mrs Cook for fitness. We will have lots of fun as we get our heart rates pumping.

In English lessons we will focus on the texts 'The Colour Monster' and 'Troll'. There will be a consistent focus of spelling, punctuation and grammar so that the children become confident and accurate writers. We will also explore non fiction and poetry texts throughout the term. Phonics lessons will continue to take place everyday.



Maths lessons will focus on deepening the children's understanding of number, addition and subtraction and shape.

It really is going to be a busy term and we can't wait to get started!

Year 2 Blog

Please check our blog regularly to see what Year 2 have been up to on their adventures. The children are keen to share their experiences with others. We encourage you to leave comments on the blog but please remember to use first names only.

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Thank you.

PE

PE kits must be available in school everyday. PE kits should include a plain white t-shirt, black shorts, black plimsoles or trainers and socks. Sweatshirts, hoodie, joggers or leggings are permitted for outdoor PE.

Earrings: Due to health and safety reasons, earrings **must** be removed before all PE sessions. Please remove them before school if your child is not able to do this independently.

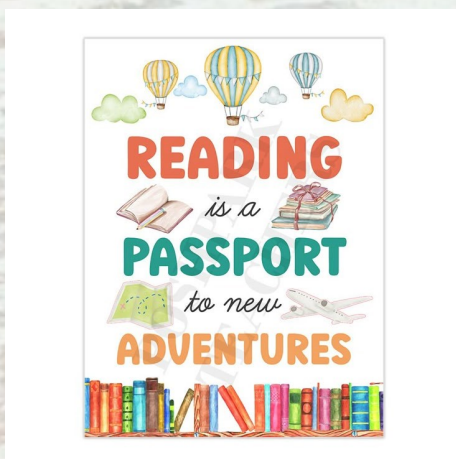
Homework

Spellings: Spellings will be sent home each week and will be tested on Thursday. There will now be 2 spelling lists to choose from. The orange list will be words that may need revisiting and the green list will be more challenging spellings. The children may choose which list they learn for their spelling test.

Handwriting: The children will continue to take home a handwriting book. Please encourage them to form all letters correctly with a pencil. New letters will be given each Thursday.

Reading: All children will continue to use a reading record, phonetically decodable book and library book. Please listen to your child read their decodable book **everyday** and write a comment in the reading record.

Children should bring in their reading books everyday. We have weekly whole class guided reading sessions and volunteers who listen to the children read.



And finally...if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to me to arrange a meeting either before or after the school day.

Thank you so much for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.

Mrs Cook