



Welcome to Year 2!

Mrs Cook

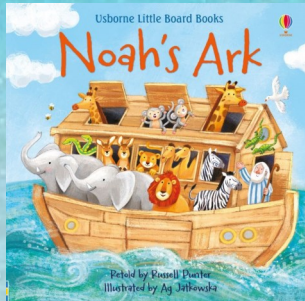
Autumn Term 2026

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. I am so excited to be getting to know the children and settling them into Year 2 life. I know that we are going to make lots of memories together, 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 whole school theme is **One World, One Family**. 'We are one Body in Christ—Romans 12:5 is our scripture focus. This year and beyond, we will show solidarity and care for the world and the global family we are part of.

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.
- **Prophecy 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**
9th September 2pm
- **Youth Mental Health Day**
18th September
- **Parent's Open Evening**
30th September 3:30pm
- **Harvest Mass**
14th October 2pm
- **INSET**
16th October
- **Year 2 Nativity**
8th December 2pm
- **Christmas Jumper Day**
15th December
- **Advent Mass**
16th December 2pm
- **Last Day of Term**
18th 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 will 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 moving monsters

using card and split pins. We will be inspired by the Colour Monster story.

Our artistic talents will be put to the test when build upon our knowledge of mark making in art lessons. We will learn how to use charcoal to make marks and learn how make marks to add expression to faces. We will use our drawing skills to tell a story.

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.

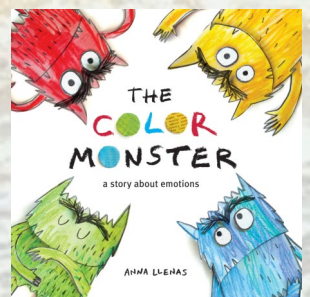
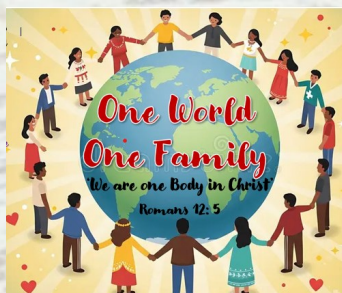
In English lessons we will focus on the texts 'The Colour Monster' and 'Troll'. There will be a consistent focus of spelling, punctuation and grammar so that the children become confident and accurate

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.

We will visit the pantomime at Christmas when we go to see Aladdin at Nottingham Playhouse.

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.

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Thank you.

Reminders

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. PE days are **Monday** and **Wednesday** this term.

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.

Hair: All hair shoulder length or longer, must be tied up during the school day. Hair bobbles should be discreet and in school colours. No large bows or accessories please.

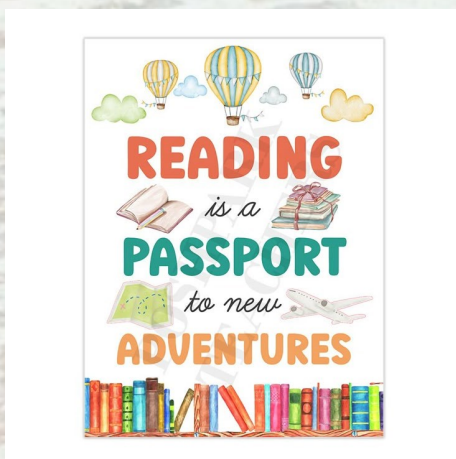
Homework

Spellings: Spellings will be sent home each week and will be tested on **Wednesday**. There will 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: Please log in to the Letter Join website to complete handwriting tasks.

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 support, it is very much appreciated.

Mrs Cook