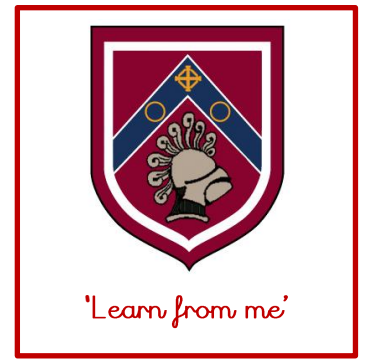


Knightlow C of E Primary School

Year 2 Learning Newsletter

September 2026



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 2! I am thrilled to have the privilege of teaching your child for the upcoming autumn term. Our team will be myself, Mr Pollert Smith, along with our fantastic teaching assistants Mrs Malam and Miss Gutteridge. I am so excited to continue the amazing work that Mrs Stapleton (Miss Wilby) and her team put in throughout Year 1. This year, you will see your child grow academically as we challenge and push them to reach ever greater heights. Your child will continue to shine and will have made so much more progress by the end of the year. We have settled back into school life and are ready to begin our half term topic: 'Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?'

Homework

Homework is handed out on a Friday and due in the following Wednesday. Children have also been given weekly spellings for this half term that will be tested every Friday. All spellings can be found on the weekly homework sheet.

PE

PE will take place every Monday and Wednesday. Children will come in to school wearing their P.E kits. Please note some sessions may be outdoors so please make sure that they have suitable clothing for this.

Reading books

Children will be able to change their reading books every week and more frequently if required. They will be benchmarked regularly to ensure that they are reading the most appropriate book bands. We would be grateful if you could record all of your child's reading at home in their reading record so that we can monitor their progress. Please do let us know if you have any other questions or if we can assist in any way.

Please find an outline of the curriculum for the half term ahead. I am very much looking forward to the exciting learning opportunities and activities that await us. If you have any queries at any time, please don't hesitate to contact myself either via the office or at the end of the day.

School snacks

We encourage only healthy snacks to be brought in for your child to consume at school. Please could you be mindful of this. A reminder that we are an allergy aware school. As part of this we request that no nuts (of any type) or products that have nuts in them (please refer to the packaging as many products 'hide' nuts) are brought into school at any time.

Kind Regards,
Mr Pollert Smith

AUTUMN TERM LEARNING - FIRST HALF

English



We will begin the Autumn term with an exciting book called *Your First Day of Circus School* – chosen especially in honour of the circus coming to Knightlow! This story will help us explore fun themes of performance, teamwork, and adventure as we get back into our learning. After that, we shall be diving into two more wonderful texts: *The Journey Home* and *Dear Earth*, which will allow us to think carefully about our world, nature, and how we can look after it. Along the way, we will take on lots of different writing challenges, including creating colourful posters, useful lists, postcards, wanted posters, information reports, and even our own imaginative short stories!

Maths



In Maths, the children will be focussing on place value, specifically working out how many tens and units are in a number. We will also be focussing on number facts and, in particular, number bonds to 10 and 20. Learning these facts will really help the children with their mental fluency. We'll be using these number facts to practise our addition and subtraction.

P.E.

Invasion Games (Hockey)

Children continue to improve their ability to move fluently changing speed and direction. They continue to develop key fundamental movement skills, both with and without a ball, moving in a safe way. Children continue to develop basic ball control, experiment with different types of sending and receiving, and show some success when aiming at a target.

Gymnastics

Children continue to learn and develop fundamental movement skills. These skills increase a child's confidence and competence and include travelling, balancing, rolling, and jumping. Children further explore and form simple sequences of different actions, moving safely, changing direction and speed.

Science



In science, our topic will be 'Animals Including Humans'. The children will develop an understanding that animals have offspring which grow into adults. Explore creatures such as birds and insects where eggs are laid that hatch into young.

R.E.

Who is Jesus? Children will consider that most Christians believe that Jesus the Son came to earth to be a human and was born as a baby at the Nativity. This is what is celebrated at Christmas. The incarnation is a very important belief for most people with Christian worldviews hold that God became a human being in the flesh. Many Christians believe Jesus died on the cross but then he rose again. They believe that when Jesus died he took away their sins and showed them how to obtain eternal life. This is what is celebrated at Easter.



PSHE

They will have 'Taking Care' lessons during our first half term. The main messages behind these sessions are that we have the right to feel safe all the time and that there is nothing so awful that we can't talk about it with someone.

Geography



We will be introducing children to the basic concept of climate zones and mapping out hot and cold places globally. We will look at features in the North and South Poles and Kenya. Comparing weather and features in the local area. Learning the four compass points. Learning the names and locating the continents of our world.

Creative Arts

In DT, Cooking and nutrition: Balanced diet Learning about the importance of a balanced diet and using that knowledge to create a tasty wrap, this unit includes new lessons with both teacher and pupil videos.

Special Events and Activities for the whole term

09/09/26 - Meet the Teacher

25/09/26 - MacMillan Coffee Morning

14/10/26 - Harvest Festival

19/10/26 - Individual Photos

21 & 22/10/26 - Parents' Evenings

