



Year 2 Spring Term Newsletter

Mr Knowles is the teacher in Year 2 and we also have Ms Hall supporting our learning. Year 2 will also be known as Flintoffs as our inspirational person in Year 2 is Andrew Flintoff, who we will be learning about throughout the year.

Please have a read of this newsletter to find out what we will be doing this term.

Reading

Reading is an essential part of your child's education here at Northbrook and you can continue to support this at home. We expect all children to read **at least four times each week** and reading records will be collected and checked by Mr Knowles and Ms Hall. Children are still developing their fluency and word reading skills and continuously revisiting and practising reading is the key to progress.

Maths

For our Maths lessons, we follow White Rose Maths. We will be starting the Spring term with a unit on shape, before moving on to look at money, multiplication and division, length and height, mass, capacity and temperature.

We will also have a daily arithmetic session, which will focus on following Mastering Number, which aims to help children with their recall of number facts and key mathematical information.

Our times table focus will be 5s and 2s, which we will practise daily at the beginning of a maths lesson

PE

Our PE days are on Monday and Thursday and will continue to enhance the children's fundamental movement skills which they have developed throughout their time in EYFS and Year 1.

At the start of each half term, children should bring their PE kits to school and leave them on their pegs. If you want your child to bring their PE kit home on a more regular basis to be washed, please do so but ensure it is sent back into school for their PE days. PE kits will be used on PE days only, and children will change into and out of their kits at school.

PE kits will be sent home at the end of each half term. If they become dirty during a PE lesson, they may be taken home earlier to be washed and then returned to school.

Phonics

Year 2 will continue to develop their phonetic knowledge following Read, Write Inc. Children will continue this programme through to completion. This will ensure that they have mastered the necessary phonetic understanding before moving on to Phase 6 Phonics and further comprehension lessons. Phase 6 Phonics focuses on working on complex sounds, and importantly, spelling rules, prefixes, suffixes, compound words, and past tense forms.

Curriculum Overview

In English we will be using 'The Man on the Moon' within our lessons and we will be writing our own narrative and non-fiction text based on space travel.

In **History**, we will be learning about the History of Explorers. We will learn about famous explorers and their expeditions around the world and into space.

In Spring 2, our **Geography** learning will be based on comparing the UK to Kenya. This will build on our learning in Autumn term where we learnt all about the UK.

Our **RE** learning in Spring 1 will be based on exploring how people express devotion, before we move on to exploring Islam.

In **Art**, we will focus on Yoyoi Kusama to create our own artwork using contrasting colours and patterns.

In **DT** our focus will be on making moon buggies, with a focus on axels.

The partnership between home and school is essential, thank you for your support and if you do have any questions, please ask.

Enrichment

Enrichment is a vital part of our education offer at Northbrook and we are passionate about bringing the learning in the classroom to life. If you are able to and haven't already done so, we are asking for a £10 voluntary contribution towards the cost of the enrichment activities for each child.

Please see below the dates for Year 2 Spring term enrichment activities.

Enrichment Dates

Spring 1	Fire Brigade Visit	date TBC
Spring 1	Air Ambulance Visit	date TBC
Spring 1	Explorers Day & Planetarium Visit	Wed 11 th Feb
Spring 2	Muslim Learning Services Class Workshop	Fri 6 th March

Northbrook's Heart Values:

Happiness

Empathy

Aspiration

Respect

Teamwork



Northbrook Primary Academy Timetable 2025 2026

Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.45 - 8.55 / 9	Grammar Morning Work	HFW Spellings	Retrieval wider curriculum	Maths arithmetic	Maths arithmetic
9.00 - 9.20	Spelling/Phonics	Spelling/Phonics	Spelling/Phonics	Spelling/Phonics	Spelling/Phonics
9.20 - 9.45	Whole Class Reading / Phonics	Whole Class Reading / Phonics	Whole Class Reading / Phonics	Whole Class Reading / Phonics	Whole Class Reading / Phonics
9.45 - 10.45	English	English	English	English	Comprehension
10.45 - 11	Break				
11 - 11.15	Arithmetic	Arithmetic	Arithmetic	Arithmetic	Arithmetic
11.15 - 12.15	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Times tables/ Arithmetic
12.15 - 1.00	Lunch				
1.00 - 3.15	Silent reading PSHE PE Whole School Assembly	Class reader Science Computing Picture News (Phase 2)	Class reader Music Art Singing Assembly	Silent reading Geography/History PE Phase 2 PSHE Assembly	Class reader RE Handwriting Celebration Assembly

Key Dates

January

Tuesday 6th - Children return to school

Thursday 8th - EYFS Open Day 9-10am

Thursday 15th - Birthday Lunch

WB Monday 26th - Y1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Test Week

February

Wednesday 11th - Y2 Explorers Day

Friday 13th February - Break up for half term

14th - 22nd Half term

Monday 23rd - Children return to school

Thursday 26th - Community Voice

March

Thursday 5th - Birthday Lunch

Friday 6th - Y2 Islam Workshop

Friday 6th - World Book Day Celebrations

Monday 16th - Mother's Day Lunch

Tuesday 17th - Parent's Evening

Monday 23rd - Y2 Zoo 2 U Visit

Wednesday 25th - Bingo

Friday 27th - Finish for Easter 2.10pm/2.15pm