

Curriculum Newsletter

Waltham Holy Cross - Autumn Term 2025

We are Year 2: 2C, 2R, 2T



Welcome to Year 2

Welcome to a new school year and term.

This year your children will continue to develop their reading skills in daily phonics lessons.

They will also explore poetry and fictional stories in English and continue to learn place value knowledge and addition and subtraction in Maths.

REMINDERS

- All of the children in Year 2 will have 2 PE lessons a week. The days may be subject to change due to the weather so please ensure that PE kit is in school every day.

PE kits: plain, house colour top, black trainers and black joggers/shorts. A black jumper will be required for the colder months.

- Please ensure your child brings their book bag book and reading record to school each day. Please leave any comments in the diary, as children will receive stickers for reading at home.
- Reading books will be changed once a week

Mathletics - 2x tasks weekly

TTRS/Numbots - 3x per week

Spelling Shed - weekly

Children should practise their spellings online, ready for a spelling test on a Friday.

Oxford Owl - weekly reading of banded phonics books.

NB: This does not apply to children in the comprehension group for phonics.

If you have misplaced any of your logins, please speak to the class teacher.

Topics

PE

The children have two designated PE lessons every week. They will focus on dance, target games and over the net stick skills.

DT/Art

In DT children will be making fabric puppets and in art, children will be focusing on creating maps using materials.

RWV Our focus is why light is an important symbol for the Christian, Jewish and Hindu faiths.

Maths

We will continue to develop place value and number bonds to 20. Counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s will also be a focus, as well as confident addition and subtraction. Children will be learning the names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Numicon and other resources will be used to support and extend the children's understanding in lessons. There will be lots of opportunities for practical problem solving built into lessons to enable the children to apply their mathematical knowledge. We will continue to encourage and develop children's verbal reasoning abilities.

English

All children will have daily phonics practise to develop their reading, as well as literacy lessons to develop their writing skills. We will explore rhyming poetry, the story of 'Five Minutes' Peace' by Jill Murphy and 'Traction Man' by Mini Grey this term. The children will have the chance to plan, create and edit their own writing with a focus on using the correct punctuation (full stops, question marks and capital letters). They will also have daily handwriting lessons to practise joining letters. Pupils will be encouraged to speak confidently and listen to what others have to say to develop their vocabulary and sentence structure.

History

In history we will explore the Great Fire of London, including what life was like in 1666, as well as what happened during and after the fire.

Science

In science, we will be learning about materials and their properties. We will carry out investigations to find the best materials for particular uses.

Geography

In geography we will be exploring in and around our local area.

Computing

In computing we will investigate how information technology improves our world and how to use information technology responsibly.

Please continue to read daily with your child at home and remind your child to bring in their home - school book, phonics books and reading record, so their reading at home can be rewarded.

Useful websites to help with homework

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zcw76sg>
- <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/revision/>

Thank you for your support, it is much appreciated!

