

Curriculum Newsletter

Waltham Holy Cross - Autumn Term 2026

We are Year 2: 2A, 2F, 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 traditional tales and poetry in English and continue to learn place value knowledge and addition and subtraction in Maths.

REMINDERS

- All children in Year 2 will have a PE lesson on Thursday. PE days with the class teacher may vary due to the weather. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every day.
- PE kits: A top in their house colour, black trainers and black joggers/shorts. We do have PE outside sometimes in winter so a warm, black tracksuit is necessary.
- 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. They will read with an adult once a week.
- Reading books will be changed once a week.
- Please ensure full and correct uniform is worn daily. No jewellery is allowed, including earrings.

Homework will be set online and spellings will be on worksheets.

Mathletics - 2x tasks weekly

TTRS/Numbots - please aim for 3x per week

Spelling Shed - weekly. Children should practise their spellings online and/or from their spelling sheet, 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.

2A: Tuesday and Thursday

2F: Tuesday and Thursday

2T: Thursday and Friday

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

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 shape poems, the story of 'Five Minutes' Peace' by Jill Murphy and 'Pattan's Pumpkin' by Chitra Soundar 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

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 of Waltham Abbey, particularly focussing on the human and physical features of the 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.

Thank you for your support, it is much appreciated!

Miss Taylor, Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Tahir

