PUDSEY LOWTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Bringing Learning to Life

YEAR 2 CLASS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 1

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

Welcome back!

I hope you have had a lovely, relaxing summer and enjoyed some quality family time. The children have come back eager to learn and ready for the challenge of year 2. They have settled into the new routines well and I'm looking forward to teaching the children again and the year ahead. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Mornings are very busy so if you want to drop into school, the end of the day is easier. If you are unable to get into school or would prefer to ring or email, you can do so on 0113 256 7303 or email mrobinson@pudseylowtown.org.uk.

Mrs Robinson

WHAT WE WILL BE LEARNING

Maths: In Maths this half term we are learning about statistics and positiMaths. The first maths unit will be place value where we will look at numbers up to 100. They will be estimating, ordering and comparing numbers up to 100. They will be consolidating their knowledge of counting in 2s, 5s and 10s forwards and backwards. Please practice this at home as it will be so beneficial when times tables are introduced in the spring term. Then they will move onto addition and subtraction where they will be able to apply their place value knowledge to solve calculations.

English: We will begin the year by consolidating what the children learnt in year one. What a sentence is, what a sentence needs and what a good sentence looks like. We will then begin introducing the children to adjectives, verbs and nouns to make their sentences more exciting.

Science: In science lessons children will be looking at living things, we will be looking at life cycles of different animals. We will explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. They will be introduced to the idea that all living things have certain characteristics that are essential for keeping them alive and healthy. They will then become familiar with the life processes that are common to all living things. The children will then move onto looking at how they have changed since they were a baby.

PE: PE lessons will be on Wednesday. There will be a whole afternoon dedicated to it where children will build on their knowledge from year 1 of games involving 'hit, catch and run' and 'send and return'. We will be doing regular skipping practice as year 2 will participate in a skipping competition later in the year. Any skipping practice children can do out of school time would be really helpful.

Art: This half term our topic is 'Explore and draw'. The children will be exploring the environment around them and collecting natural objects to create a piece of transient art. They will look at the work of the artist Andy Goldsworthy and have a go at drawing the items they have collected.

RE: In RE the first unit is 'How do we make good choices?' We look at different religions and how their believes impact their daily lives. For example the ten commandments for the Christian religion and the five pillars of Islam for Muslims.

History Focus Week: Our focus week this half term will be about the Victorians, looking at who they were and what life was like for Victorian children. This will include an exciting class trip to Armley Mills, a separate letter will be sent out about this.

Music: In music we will be learning to sing a song called 'Tony Chestnut'. A fun, fast-moving action song that has a simple tune and clever lyrics crafted to sound like different parts of the body. In this unit, children will be encouraged to sing with good diction to emphasise word play and learn to play the melody of the song on percussion instruments.

REMINDERS

Homework

- Spelling practice will be handed out on a Friday and collected back in the following Friday
- Reading books will be changed on Friday. There will be 2 reading books sent home each week and one library book for you to share with your child.
- Please listen to your child read 5 times a week and record each time they read in their reading log.
- Please send reading logs and reading books into school every day so we can read with children in school.
- It would be beneficial for your children to access Numbots and TTRS to help with times tables and number facts

Jewellery

We request that earrings are removed on PE days. Children should not be bringing any other jewellery into school, including bracelets and necklaces as these can often become distractions or get broken/lost.

Water bottle

Please remember to provide your child with a water bottle every day, this should be taken home and washed each day. Children are only permitted to have water during the school day, juice is not permitted.

Uniform

Although the weather is starting to dry up finally, all children must come to school with a coat and appropriate outdoor shoes as the English weather can be very changable! Children should also have a pair of pumps/ indoor shoes to wear inside. Children should wear PE kit on PE days which consists of a plain white top, black bottoms and hoody/jacket with trainers.

	8.45 – 9:00	9:00 – 9.45	9.45- 10.00	10.00 – 10.30	10:30- 10:45	10.45 – 11.00	11:00- 11.45	11.45- 12.00	12:00- 1:00	1.00 – 1.15	1:15-2.00	2.00-2.15	2.15-3.00	3.00 – 3.15
Mon	Arithmetic	Maths		Phonics	Break time	Assembly	English	3 read	Lunchtime	Spelling	PE			Story
Tues	Arithmetic	Maths		Phonics		Spelling	English	3 read		Mastery of number	Art PPA- AW	Break	Art PPA- AW	Story
Weds	Arithmetic	Maths		Phonics		Handwriting	English	3 read		Mastery of number	Reading Comprehension	BBreak	Music	Story
Thurs	Arithmetic	Maths (Arithmetic)		Phonics		Handwriting	English	3 read		Mastery of number	RE	Break	PSHE	Story
Fri	Arithmetic	Maths		Phonics		Assembly Book change MR-1-1 readers	English	3 read		Mastery of number	Science	Break	Spelling	Story

Year 2 Autumn 1 timetable 2026

Key Dates Academic Year 2026 - 2027

Monday 28th September – Friday 2nd October	History Week
Monday 28th September	Year 3 and Year 6 Trip to Murton Park
Wednesday 30th September	Year 2 Trip to Armley Mills
Friday 9th October	Tempest Individual and Sibling Photographs
Tuesday 13th October	Influenza Vaccination
Wednesday 14th October	School Discos
Thursday 15th October	Open Evening – Pupils starting school September 2027
Friday 16th October	Languages Day
Monday 19th October – Wednesday 21st October	Bikeability Y6
Friday 23rd October	Mapping Day
Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October	Half Term – School closed to all
Monday 1st November	School Reopens
Monday 1st November – Wednesday 3rd November	Herd Farm Residential Year 5