

# Year Two

**Welcome back!**

We hope you have all had a restful half term and made some lovely memories! Feel free to upload any photos onto Tapestry as the children love to share with each other what they have been up to.

It's now time for term 2. This is a wonderful time when working in a school because it's full of so much excitement and magic.

It is a very busy term packed full of events. Please see the diary dates page for more information. We have lots of celebrations such as Diwali and Thanksgiving. If you celebrate any of them with your family at home, we would love you to come in and share them with us. Please let us know.

We started with our Bonfire Night celebrations. The Friends of Wichelstowe Trinity Learning Campus and staff would like to thank you for all your support in making it a huge success.

We hope to see you there,

**The Year Two Team**

**Don't forget to follow us on...**



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**'A tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season' (Psalm 1:3)**

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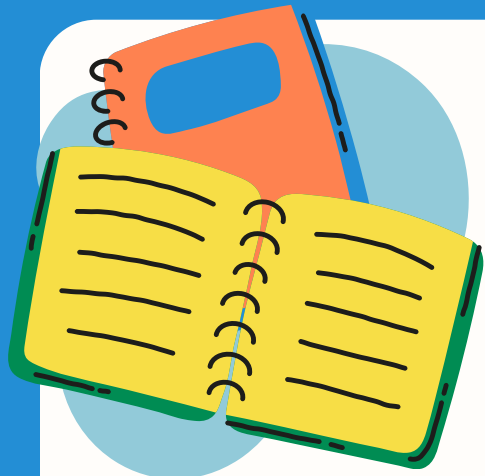


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# Important updates

Please remember school begins at 8.45am. This is when children begin their learning. Please be on time. The Year 2 hall door will then be shut and the playground gate locked at 8.55am. This is to safeguard all our children.

The car park consultation is continuing until December. We have pencilled in two meetings with parents and community partners on:

Wednesday 8th November 2023 - 4.30pm  
Wednesday 15th November 2023 - 6.30pm

Please book your places here <https://forms.office.com/e/c3rXeknbjx>

Don't forget to book your school lunches for the term on the Schools Food United app.



Please name ALL uniform to ensure it gets back to its owner.  
Thank you!

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# Term overview



We will be learning about Acceptance and belonging and celebrating how we are the same and different too. We will look at celebrations and events from around the world as they happen. These include: Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Diwali, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Hanukkah! We will celebrate the countries we are from, our different cultures and languages that we can speak. Please let us know if you would like to come in and share any of your traditions or celebrations with us.

## Humanities

In Geography, we will be learning:

- About Human and Physical features
- How landscapes can be shown using Aerial photographs and using these to make sketch maps.

In History, we will be learning:

- about the events commonly known as The Gunpowder Plot, chronology, sequence, role play and hot seating.
- Why we mark Remembrance.

## Art/ DT

In Art, we will be learning to:

- Explore texture, form and space in our sketchbooks.
- Creating our own versions of A Starry Night by Van Gogh

In DT, we will be learning to:

- Design and make a Christmas decoration.

## RE/ PSHE

In RE, we will be learning to: about

- Why Christians celebrate Christmas.

In PSHE, we will be learning all about

- Acceptance and tolerance.
- We will be participating in Anti Bullying Week, Road Safety Week and Remembrance Day.

*How are we the same but different too?*

## Maths

We will be learning to:

- Add and subtract numbers up to 100.
- 2-digit numbers add/subtract multiples of 10
- 2-digit numbers add/subtract ones
- 2-digit number add/subtract 2-digit number
- Measurement - Money and Length

## PE

We will be learning to:

- Explore basic movement skills, (e.g., running, jumping, hopping, skipping, throwing, catching and navigating space and obstacles successfully).
- Learning basic gymnastics shapes and putting together simple sequences.

## Science

We will be learning to:

- identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses.
- find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

## Literacy

We will be learning to:

- Use basic punctuation when writing sentences.
- Verbally construct and rehearse sentences.
- Identify, suggest and include different word classes in their sentences (e.g., nouns, adjectives, adverbs, and verbs).
- Sequencing sentences to form a narrative.

Year 2 Term 2



This term our enquiry question is:  
**How are we the same but different too?**

Our value for the term continues to be **HOPE!**



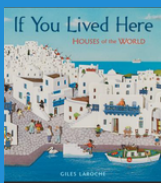
# Reading



We are committed as a school to ensuring all children develop the skills they need to read independently and have access to life long learning. Our team believe in ensuring all children find themselves represented in books. We aim to expose our children to high quality, award winning and diverse literature.

## Book change days

Please ensure **both books** are in your child's book bags for **Monday** to be collected in. We have Book Club every **Monday** where we share our books, discuss what we liked about them and recommend to each other. We then come home with a new one! Your child's new phonics book will be sent home on a **Thursday** after they have read it three times in class.



## Books for the term

- Same but different too by Karl Newson
- The Black Rock by Joe Todd-Stanton
- Story Path by Madelena Matoso
- If you Lived here by Giles Laroche
- The Christmas Story



## How you can help at home

Share books that your children bring home from school. Read any books you have at home. Read recipes, magazines, print in the environment. Let your children see you reading!

# Phonics



We will continue consolidating our knowledge of alternative graphemes new phoneme each day. We will also be working really hard to apply our phonics in our reading.

Some of the phonemes we are learning are 'oul' 'tch' 'ture' 'al'

To help at home - If they ask you how to spell something ask them  
'How many sounds can you hear?'  
'What graphemes do you need for each sound?'

## Phonics vs sharing books

Your child will bring home a book for pleasure on a **Monday** which you can share together. They are not supposed to be able to read this!

All children read 3 times per week in school with a phonics book matched to their ability. Our aim is to get them reading by sight and with fluency. We also work on comprehension skills. These come home on a **Thursday**. Please use the prompts in the covers of the books for phonemes to check, words to discuss and questions to answer.

## How you can help at home



Each week we will share a recap of the learning we have covered in phonics. You can work on these at home with your child.

Little Wandle - Letters and Sounds  
Reception Phonics Home Learning

Phase 2 - Autumn 1 Week 1  
Focus - Phonemes s / o / t / l

Please support your child to practise and reinforce the phonemes and graphemes we are learning in school. More information and support can be found on the Little Wandle website - <https://www.littlewandle.com/parents-and-carers/>

Phonemes we will be focusing on this week in school -

 Phonunciation Phrase 1 s Show your teeth and let the s fit out wide	 Phonunciation Phrase 1 a Open your mouth wide and make the a sound on the back of your mouth
 Phonunciation Phrase 1 t Open your lips, put the tip of your tongue behind your teeth and press t t t	 Phonunciation Phrase 1 p Bring your lips together, push them open and say p p p

We will be orally blending words. Can you hear the phonemes in these words? Can you listen and then repeat the word!

s - a - t    t - a - p    s - a - p  
p - a - t    a - t

# What you will need...

## P.E.

PE will be on a **Friday** Please send your child to school with their PE kit on. Please remember our PE uniform is a Kingfisher OR white polo shirt, navy/black shorts or trousers and plain trainers or daps. They will be in this all day, so please ensure it is weather appropriate.



## Outdoor learning

We will be doing regular outdoor learning and Welly Walks. Please can all children have a pair of named wellies in school for these.

We also go outside in all weathers. Children will need waterproof coats and appropriate weather gear for the season.



# PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!

# Christian Authenticity

## In Collective Worship...

**This term our value continues to hope. We will be focussing on stories from the Bible that reflect this including The Christmas Story and the impact it has on the lives of our children.**



## Child of Hope



**We continue to think about and make links with our Kingfisher family in Uganda at the Child of Hope school.**

**We will be catching up with them later in the term to find out how their school year is going.**







## Kingfisher Community Cupboard

**We launched this at the end of term 1. You can drop off donations here, or collect items which you or your family need but require support accessing.**

**We want to continue running this and make it accessible to the local community.**

# Term dates

- Monday 30th October 2023 - INSET Day
- Tuesday 31st October 2023 - First day of term 2
- Friday 3rd November 2023 - Family Firework Fun 
- Friday 10th November 2023 - Remembrance - please wear red 
- Monday 20th November 2023 - Parents' Evening - 3.30-6pm
- Wednesday 22nd November 2023 - Parent's Evening - 4-7pm
- Wednesday 6th December 2023 - Cosy Christmas Club - 4.45-7pm 
- Saturday 9th December 2023 - Christmas Fayre
- Monday 11th December 2023 - PM - Nativity Dress Rehearsal to Deanery siblings
- Tuesday 12th December 2023 - 2pm - Nativity to parents
- Wednesday 13th December 2023 - 9.30am - Nativity to parents 
- Friday 15th December 2023 - End of term 2





## Safeguarding

**Please contact Swindon MASH if you are concerned about a child.**

**E-mail: [Swindonmash@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:Swindonmash@swindon.gov.uk)**

**Telephone: 01793 466903**

**8.30am to 4.40pm Monday to Thursday**

**8.30am to 4.00pm Friday**

**The Emergency Duty Service (EDS) is available outside office hours on**

**01793 436699**

**If you think that a child is in immediate danger, please ring 999 and speak to the police.**



# Friends of Wichelstowe Trinity



## Learning Campus



**We wanted to let you know more about the Friends of Wichelstowe Trinity Learning Campus, and the events that we are planning for this academic year.**

**We raised over £2500 last year and we have great plans for future events. We would also like to invite you all to join us for a drink and a chat at school to discuss what you can do to assist the Friends by way of volunteering, sponsorship, support, corporate sponsorship, social media, marketing etc. This year, we hope to host more discos, as well as ice cream sales, cake sales and second-hand uniform sales. Our big events for the Autumn will be the Family Fireworks Extravaganza, another quiz night, Christmas Fayre and more. Whilst all of these are very exciting and we would hope that at least one of the events would be of interest to most families, there is an obvious need for volunteers to enable any of these to run safely. Kingfisher are looking to the Friends for support in purchasing items that will benefit our pupils, and it would be great if we were able to fund these from events and fundraising.**

**Please email:**

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