YEAR TWO TOPIC NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term 2026

Dazzling Dahl

During our new topic, the children will be focussing on a range of books written by Roald Dahl, and will look closely at the illustrations by Quentin Blake that feature throughout. In literacy, the children will begin by studying the story of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and will plan and write character descriptions, a letter, riddles about other characters in the story, and even invent their own sweet! After this, they will move onto the story of 'Matilda'. During our Dazzling Dahl exhibition morning, you will have the opportunity to come into school and read the wonderful writing that the children have produced. During art lessons, the children will study the work of Quentin Blake before sketching their own Roald Dahl inspired character which will be painted with watercolours. In design and technology lessons, the children will propose a healthier alternative to Willy Wonka's chocolates and sweets by creating their own super smoothies. In science, the children will take part in a number of experiments where they will test the suitability of different materials, making links to the material's properties. In maths, the children will look at measurements including mass, temperature, length, height, volume and capacity. They will then move onto recalling the values of coins and notes before studying the properties of 2D shapes.

Home Learning Activity

For the children's home learning, we would like them to choose their favourite Roald Dahl story and prepare a short presentation explaining why it is their favourite of his stories. They should use evidence from what they have read in books. We would like the children to present their home learning in their own way, e.g. a poster / paragraphs/ a mind map etc. They will then have the opportunity to share their presentation in class. Please can your child bring their home learning into school by **Monday 7th December 2026.**

Focus Author

This half term, we will continue to read books written by **Roald Dahl.**

Diary Dates

Tuesday 3rd November – Roald Dahl dress up day

Tuesday 3rd November – Ad Astra Infant School Open Evening for prospective parents

Friday 6th November – Non-uniform day for Christmas Hamper donation

Friday 6th November – Sparks in the Dark firework night at Haymoor Junior School

Wednesday 11th November – Remembrance Day Assembly

Thursday 12th November - Road Safety Assembly

Thursday 12th November – Flu Vaccinations

Monday 16th November – Choose Respect day, wear odd socks

Friday 13th November – Children in Need (non-school uniform day)

Friday 27th and Monday 30th November – INSET Day

Thursday 3rd December – KS1 watching a Panto at Haymoor Junior School

Monday 7th December – Year 2 visit the Christmas Shop

Wednesday 9th December – Dazzling Dahl Exhibition Morning

Friday 11th December – Christmas dinner and jumper day

Monday 14th December – Children visit Santa in our Christmas Grotto

Friday 18th December – Non-uniform Christmas Party Day

*** Letters will follow nearer to the time ***

PE – Gymnastics and Outdoor Games

The focus for the children's work in gymnastics will be developing body control, balance and working on linking movements together.

In outdoor games, we plan from a scheme called 'Get Set 4 PE' which is fully aligned to the National Curriculum and Ofsted requirements. This half-term, we will focus on sending and receiving, as well as teamwork.

PE days for this half term are as follows:

Giraffes: Monday and Tuesday
Zebras: Monday and Tuesday

Meerkats: Monday and Tuesday

Please help us to keep your child safe by removing their earrings on PE and outdoor games days, otherwise they will be unable to fully take part in these sessions. Please also ensure that if your child has long hair, it is always tied back; their PE kit is in school and that their clothes are clearly labelled with their name. Your child's PE bag will stay at school all half term and be sent home for a wash in the holidays.

PSHE and Religion and Worldviews

The children's learning will continue to be based on the Jigsaw scheme of work in PSHE lessons and we will be moving onto a new topic called 'Celebrating Difference'. In Religion and Worldviews, the children will continue to learn about Christianity, specifically why most Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world and how different faiths have different celebrations.

As always, if you have any questions about this newsletter, please contact your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 2 Team

Teaching Staff – Year Two

Mr Doman, Miss Phillips, Mrs Bissagar and Miss Davies