



Year 2 Newsletter Autumn 2026



Welcome to the start of an exciting new school year and the next stage of your child's learning journey. This term, we will be exploring a range of engaging topics and taking part in many exciting learning experiences. We greatly appreciate your continued support and look forward to a successful and enjoyable year together.

The Year 2 team are:

2B- Mrs Lee

2G- Miss O'Meally

Mrs Briscoe and Mrs Lawson will be supporting all Year 2 pupils across both classes. They will assist with changing reading books for children in comprehension group. If your child is in a phonics group these books will be changed weekly. In addition, they will provide targeted support for some children in reading, phonics, mathematics and handwriting to help them make the best possible progress throughout the year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. You are welcome to arrange an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher or email the school office at admin@adamsrill.lewisham.sch.uk, and your message will be passed on to us. We are looking forward to a phenomenal term filled with exciting learning opportunities and memorable experiences. Thank you in advance for your continued support and partnership. Together, we can help every child achieve their very best.

Yours faithfully,

The Year Two Team

Homework

Homework is set on a Friday and due in the following Wednesday. There are two homework books for Year 2 pupils to complete. Every week pupils will receive spellings and an outline of the pages they will need to complete. Please support with encouragement and a learning space at home to complete their tasks.

Home reading

Home reading: Your child needs to read for at least 10 minutes every day. Parents are expected to sign their child's reading record at least three times a week, after listening to your child read. We look forward to reading your comments. On other days, children should keep a record of their reading by noting down the name of the book and the date they read in their reading record. Please ensure your child brings their reading record to school every day.

Please look after the books which are sent home as the school has limited resources and unfortunately lost/missing books would have to be paid for. Please log in to **Oxford Reading Buddy**. Here there are lots of E-Books that your child can engage with. The books cover a range of topics and reading levels.

Attendance

Good attendance for good progress and attainment is at least 96%. The school does not authorise term time holidays. Thank you.

Physical Education

Children will have PE once a week with Ballers Sport every **Wednesday afternoon**. There may also be additional PE lessons to cover leadership time as well as Daily Mile sessions. **PE Kits**-It is imperative all children participate in every PE lesson as this is part of the National Curriculum. The school PE kit is a plain white T-shirt, dark blue shorts (or tracksuit trousers in winter) and plimsolls. **Children must have their PE kit with them on Mondays and take them home on Fridays. Your child should bring a labelled water bottle to school every day.**

French -will be taking place **every Tuesday afternoon**.

Mental Health and Well-being: Weekly well-being sessions continue to take place as part of our learning in PSHE; this remains a key priority for the school.

Dates for your diary:

Meet the teacher: Wednesday 16th September 3:40pm-4:10pm/4:15pm-4:45pm

Year 2 National Maritime museum trip: Monday 21st September 2026 (volunteers needed).

Jeans for Genes Day: Friday 25th September

Target Setting Day 1: Tuesday 29th September 3:50pm-6:30pm (By appointment only)

Target Setting Day 2: Tuesday 6th October 3:50pm-6:30pm (By appointment only)

Individual school photos - Wednesday 7th October

Multicultural day: Thursday 22nd October

Wear it Pink Day: Friday 23rd October

HALF TERM: Monday 26th October

Inset Day: Monday 2nd November (No school)
(Return to school on Tuesday 3rd November)

Children in Need Day - Friday 20th November

Christmas lunch: Tuesday 8th December

KS1 Christmas Performance: Thursday 10th December 2:00 pm

End of term: Friday 18th December. School finishes at 2pm;

Inset Day- Monday 4th January 2027 **Children return to school** - Tuesday 5th January 2027



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Literacy

Core Texts: 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', 'Jim and the Beanstalk', 'The Journey Home' and 'The House Held Up by Trees'

Writing: Genres covered this term will include Narratives, Postcard, Letter writing, Setting Description, Poetry, Character Description & Information Text.

Grammar: Sentences with different forms: -statement, question, exclamation & commands.

Expanded noun phrases to describe and specify (for example, the blue, pretty butterfly). The present and past tenses correctly and consistently, including the progressive form. Subordination (using when, if, that, or because) and co-ordination (using or, and, or but).

Science

We will be learning about the importance of exercise for humans, eating the right amounts of different types of food and hygiene.

We will be identifying and comparing the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for uses. Exploring how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

RSE - Difference- Boys & Girls , Male & Female.

SMSC- What keeps me healthy, Friendships.

Music

Children will learn to play the recorder. Children will also participate in singing assemblies.

Geography

Describing the maps of the world, the United Kingdom and England, human and physical features.

History

Spanish Armada, Christopher Columbus, Rosa Parks, Emily Davidson and Martin Luther King,

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Right & Wrong, The Life and teachings of Jesus.

Maths

Number and Place Value

Read, write, represent, partition, compare and order numbers to 100

Explore patterns including, odds and evens, tens and ones.

Addition and Subtraction

Apply number bonds to add and subtract

•Represent and explain addition and subtraction of two 2-digit numbers.

Add three 1-digit numbers

Measures- Draw and measure lengths in **cm** and **m**, compare and order

Multiplication and Division

Calculate the times tables of 2, 5, and 10 using different strategies

Explore representations of multiplication and division.

Art and Design

Doodle/pencil -Line, tone, shape, texture, colour, form and pattern. **Cave painting** - Introduction to watercolours, and to reinforce, line, tone, texture and observation, colour, composition, history of how art started.

DT

Wheels and Axles- Design, Make and Evaluate a Wind powered car.

PE

In PE, we will be doing a variety of gymnastic movements.

Computing

Children will be learning about internet safety, route explorers and creating pictures on Purple Mash.