



BACK TO SCHOOL

YEAR 2 - AUTUMN TERM 2026

WELCOME BACK TO Y2

MEET THE STAFF

Our class teacher this year is Miss Watson. In the mornings, we will be supported by Mrs Boyd (senior teaching assistant) and in the afternoons, we will be supported by Mrs Kellett (senior teaching assistant). Miss Hall (teaching assistant) will also provide full time support in our classroom. Miss Watson's PPA will be covered by Mrs Kellett. This will generally be on a Tuesday afternoon but this is subject to change weekly - as soon as we're aware of any changes, we will make sure the children know / are pre-empted.

Miss Watson's SENDCo time will be covered by Miss Savage on a Friday morning.

WHAT WILL WE BE LEARNING?

We learn using a 'Learning Challenge' approach in our class, meaning all of our subjects are linked in to one key question. This Autumn terms question is 'What made the fire so great?'. We will be exploring The Great Fire of London, touching on historical elements of change and continuity through the study of events that span beyond our living memories. We will develop an understanding of what it means to be a true historian, delving deeper into the word of historical sources and understanding different ways that we can find out about the past. Our literacy texts underpin this learning and allow us to further study the fire through different perspectives. We will read and enjoy 'Toby and the Great Fire of London' by Margaret Nash and Jane Cope and 'The Great Fire of London' by Emma Adams and James Weston Lewis. We will continue to develop our phonics knowledge and grasp of sentences structures and grammatical features within this whilst developing independence and embarking on a new spelling journey, unpicking spelling rules where words don't fit phonetic patterns. In science, we will be exploring electricity and circuits. We will look at the role of electricity in the modern world, what electricity actually is and the dangers surrounding electricity using a practical, safe, hands-on approach. Our curriculum spans much further and more details about the topics being covered can be found on our curriculum map on our class' website page.

KEY INFORMATION

SNACK -

Snack is charged at £1 per week. This entitles children to 2 biscuits and fruit daily and 'super snack' options every Friday. This can be paid in full for the whole half term (£7.60), weekly (£1 per week) or daily (20p)

Children who do not pay for snack will be entitled to fruit only. Please send money into school in labelled envelopes (these will be sent home for you by Mrs Boyd).

READING -

Children will continue to bring home a Read, Write, Inc. phonics scheme book which aligns with their individual phonics level. Ideally, children should be reading blue or grey phonics books fluently as soon as possible. Re-reading texts is a vital part of reading and allows children to develop good sight recognition of words as well as fluency and intonation, so don't panic if your child keeps the same book for days at a time - this is normal and actually a curriculum objective!

Some children may bring home a colour banded book alongside their phonics book. This offers them more variety of text type and doesn't directly align with their phonics ability but may include trickier common exception words to challenge them. Again, the overall aim is to develop a good level of fluency when reading and to remove the need to sound out and blend every word in a text.

Some children may bring home an accelerated reading book. This will have a number listed on the top corner. This book directly aims at supporting children's comprehension, showing if they understand what they have read. Whilst reading this with your child, please ask them questions about the story and discuss the characters and plot as you go.

Whenever your child reads at home, please sign their reading record with a brief comment. Reading records are checked each morning and children who have read at home will receive a raffle ticket which will be entered into a weekly **Strive 4 Five** draw. Reading really is one of the most important skills children can learn, so please do continue to support your child with this at home.

PE -

Our PE days this half term are Tuesday and Thursday. Please send your child to school on these days in their full Distington PE kit with all jewellery removed or covered appropriately. On non-PE days, please send children to school in their full Distington uniform.

KEEP IN THE LOOP!

Class DOJO will be the main platform used by Miss Watson to share updates with you about your child's learning journey (including any key dates!) Further information and updates may be found on our class' website page or on our class' Earwig, so keep your eyes peeled on them all!

Please note, staff will not be contactable outside of school hours on Class DOJO and the messenger service should only be used when absolutely necessary. Support can be sought at all times through the school day by calling the school office.

