

English

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English: In Autumn 1, children will explore *Walk to London* and develop their writing by creating a recount of the places the characters visited in London. They will then explore *Look Up* and learn about significant figures during Black History Month. Children will explore instructional writing by creating a guide on how to become an astronaut, using imperative verbs, sequencing language and clear steps

Curriculum Snapshot – Autumn 1 Term 2026



YEAR 2

Dates for the Diary

LSO- Concert Barbican center
Monday 9th November

Meet the Teacher workshop:
Friday 18th September at
2:30pm

Parents evening:
Thursday 15th October

Black History Month
October

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Responsibility
Commitment

Homework

Reading: Oxford Owl
ebooks or **Oxford**
Reading Buddy used
regularly.

Maths:
Practise mental
addition and
subtraction skills using
Numbots 3 times per
week for 5 minutes.
Practise and improve
times tables using
Times Tables Rock
Stars 3 times per week
for 5 minutes.

Maths

Number: Place value

Children will learn to count, read, and write numbers to 100. They will recognise tens and ones, use a place value chart, and partition numbers in different ways. Children will then estimate and place numbers on a number line, compare and order numbers and objects, and practice counting in 2s, 5s, 10s, and 3s.

Number: Addition and subtraction

Children will build fluency in number bonds to 10, 20, and 100. They will use related facts and fact families to add and subtract within 20. Children will add and subtract across 10, work with 10 more and 10 less, and solve problems using 2-digit numbers. They will also compare number sentences and solve missing number problems.

Science

TOPIC: Materials

Children will explore everyday materials and their uses. They will identify and compare materials like wood, metal, plastic, and glass, and investigate how their shapes can change by bending, squashing, twisting, and stretching. They will learn how the properties of materials make them suitable for different purposes and think about creative ways to use them.

Geography

TOPIC: continents and oceans

Children will name and locate the seven continents and five oceans using maps, atlases, and globes. They will use simple compass directions and geographical language to describe locations and follow directions.

PSHE

TOPIC: Being me in My world

Children will learn how their behaviour affects others and explore the impact of their choices. They will begin to compare their own actions with those of their friends and understand how to make positive choices in the classroom.

RE

TOPIC: Judaism: What rules are the most important and why?

Year 2 will discuss and reflect on the rules that we live by and say some rules that are important to them.

PE

TOPIC: Football

In football, children will continue developing their agility, balance, and coordination through a variety of movement-based activities

French

We do not formally teach a foreign language at this stage however other languages and cultures are celebrated through stories, songs and whole school events.

Design and Technology

TOPIC: Design a Puppet

Year 2 will design and make their own puppets. They will learn basic sewing skills to join fabric, explore different materials, and develop their designs based on a chosen character.

Music

TOPIC: Music is in Me

Children will explore the pulse of different songs using body actions and instruments. They will further develop skills in playing beat, rhythms and pitch. Children will learn and perform on xylophones

Computing

TOPIC: Computing systems and networks – IT around us

Children will begin to recognise common uses of information technology beyond school Identifying IT and how its responsible use improves our world in school and beyond.

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Curriculum Snapshot – Autumn 2 Term 2026

Dates for the Diary:

Anti Bullying week
10th November

Remembrance day

Tuesday 8th Dec- 1.30- 4.30pm
Sleeping Beauty
Harrow Arts Center

Half Term Break:
Monday 26th October - Friday
30th October

INSET Staff Training Days:
Friday 23rd October
School closed to children

18th December (last day: 2pm
finish for pupils)



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Geometry: Shape:

This half term, children will explore 2D and 3D shapes. They will learn to name, draw, and sort shapes based on their properties, such as sides, edges, vertices, and faces. They will also explore symmetry and use this knowledge to complete symmetrical figures. The unit will finish with making repeating patterns using shapes.

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History

TOPIC: Significant Individuals

In Autumn 1, children will learn about significant women in history, including Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale, exploring their important contributions to healthcare and society. As part of Black History Month, children will also learn about Mae Jemison, the first Black woman to travel into space, celebrating her achievements and exploring her journey as an astronaut..

PSHE

TOPIC: Celebrating differences

Children will learn how to recognise and respond to conflicts in friendships and family, using kind words and strategies like “Solve It Together” to help manage disagreements.

RE

TOPIC: Humanism and Christianity- How do we remember people and why?

Children will explore how we remember people and compare how Christians and Humanists express remembrance. They will also recall the story of Lazarus and reflect on the beliefs and questions it raises.

PE

TOPIC: Gymnastic

Year 2 will use a range of basic gymnastic skills to perform a simple sequence of unlike actions (e.g. Roll, jump, shape etc) with balances that show some strength and stillness

Music

TOPIC: Tea time shout

Children will understand the pulse and know how to combine long and short sounds to go along with a piece of music

ART

TOPIC: Map Painting

Pupils learn how art can tell stories through experiment, culture, and imagination. This unit will be based on Frank Bowling- a British-Guyanese artist

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Computing

TOPIC: Creating media – Digital photography

Use logical reasoning to predict the behaviour of simple programs
Capturing and changing digital photographs for different purposes.