BLUE CLASS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Welcome to Blue Class! I hope you all had a wonderful summer break. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school. They have settled quickly into their new routines and are making a fantastic start to the year.

I have been warmly introduced to the school by the staff and children.

Below is an overview of our learning this term, along with some important information about our classroom routines.

General Information

We will have Mrs Kemp and Mrs Gardiner supporting us in Blue Class.

Book bags should be brought into school every day with your child's reading book and reading record. Reading books will be changed on Fridays.

- Children may bring a healthy snack, such as fruit or vegetables, for morning break. We will continue to provide fruit for the afternoon break.
- Please send your child to school with a water bottle each day. Children should only have water to drink during lessons in Key Stage 1.

Attendance

Good attendance is essential for your child's learning and progress. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time each day and notify the school office if they are absent. Regular attendance helps children build confidence, maintain friendships and keep up with their learning.

Homework

Alongside daily reading and weekly spellings, children may occasionally bring home activities to support their learning in class. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child develop positive learning habits at home.

Outdoor Learning

As the weather becomes cooler during the Autumn Term, please ensure your child brings a suitable coat to school each day. Children will continue to spend time outdoors during breaktimes and outdoor learning opportunities.

Reading

Children will bring home a reading book each Friday, which will be changed the following Friday. Please listen to your child read regularly at home and record this in their reading log. Reading fluency, expression and comprehension are key focuses in Year 2, and regular reading at home makes a huge difference to children's progress. Children will also read daily in school through guided and shared reading activities.

Each child will also choose a book from our class bookcase to share and enjoy at home. Please return this book on Fridays.

Spellings

Spellings will be sent home every Friday and tested the following Friday. The spelling words will be linked to our phonics learning and tailored to meet your child's needs.

Please encourage your child to practise regularly using strategies such as:
Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check

English

This term we will be writing character descriptions, poems, simple narratives, formal invitations and stories from other cultures.

Children will continue to develop their punctuation skills and learn how to improve their writing by using adjectives, conjunctions and adverbs. We will also be focusing on story structure and using the correct grammatical vocabulary in lessons.

In handwriting, children will begin learning joined cursive writing, building on the pre-cursive skills introduced in Year 1.

Maths

This year we will continue to follow the White Rose Maths scheme using a mastery approach.

This term, we will focus on number and place value, counting, addition, subtraction and geometry. Practical resources and visual representations will support children's understanding and confidence.

To help develop fluency, please continue practising number bonds to 10 and 20 at home, as well as counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Understanding the World

History

Learning about Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell and their impact on healthcare today.

Science

Animals, including humans, and what living things need to survive and stay healthy.

Art

Exploring collage techniques and creating healthy vegetable salads later in the term.

PSHE

Understanding emotions, thoughts and the choices we make.

Computing
Learning about information technology and creating digital artwork.

RE
Exploring the questions, *Why do Jewish families talk about repentance at New Year?* and *Why was Jesus given the name "Saviour"?*

Music
Singing, playing, improvising and composing with a range of songs and musical activities.

PE
PE lessons will take place on **Mondays and Wednesdays**.

Children should come to school dressed in their PE kit on these days. As the weather becomes cooler, they should also wear their school sweatshirt or cardigan and tracksuit bottoms. Children with long hair must have it tied back and earrings should be removed before coming to school.

Class Dojo
Class Dojo is now set up and I will regularly share messages, photographs and updates about our learning throughout the year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch through Class Dojo. I am always happy to help.

I am looking forward to a fantastic year in Blue Class and to working alongside you to support your child's learning and development. Thank you for your continued support. Together, we can help the children have a happy, successful and enjoyable Year 2.

Miss C Payne
Year 2 Class Teacher