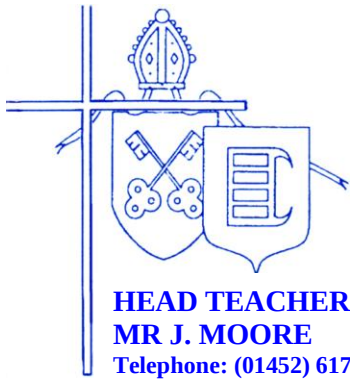




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Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Year 2 Autumn Letter**

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful summer with your children.

This year, the Year 2 team consists of myself, Miss Byard, alongside our lovely learning partners Mrs Impey and Mrs Klassen. We also have Mrs Gisby who will be covering my PPA on a Wednesday afternoon. We are very excited to help the children develop a love of learning and reach their full potential in Year 2.

### **Our Learning This Term**

This term, our theme is 'Chalkboards and Chimney Sweeps' where we will be stepping back in time to explore the fascinating Victorian era. Throughout our topic, we will discover what life was like for Victorian children, including exploring Victorian classrooms, toys, homes and daily life. We will also learn about significant individuals from the period, including Queen Victoria, and compare aspects of Victorian life with our lives today.

We have attached a knowledge organiser which provides an overview of the key vocabulary, knowledge and texts we will be exploring throughout the term, as well as some of the exciting activities the children will be taking part in this term.

### **Reading and Phonics**

This year, we will continue to follow the Read Write Inc. phonics programme to support the children's reading and writing development. As children complete the phonics programme, they will begin to develop their reading comprehension skills. This will involve reading a range of texts and developing their ability to understand, discuss and respond to what they have read, including retrieving information, making simple inferences and recording their ideas.



Reading regularly is one of the most important ways you can support your child's learning. We kindly ask that you listen to your child read at least three times each week and record this in their yellow reading record. These reading records will be checked every Thursday, and children who have read at least 3 times that week will receive a raffle ticket and the chance to win a book.

Alongside practising their reading skills, please encourage your child to enjoy a wide range of books and share stories together to help develop a lifelong love of reading.

## **PE**

Our PE sessions will be on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Children will need to wear PE kit for our outside PE lesson, on **Thursdays only**. PE kit must be:

- A plain school PE top
- A navy or black tracksuit (hoodie and tracksuit bottoms)
- Trainers.

Please note, there will be **no PE** lessons next week (commencing **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September**) due to the swimming pool sessions on-site.

## **Reminders**

- Please ensure all uniform and PE kits are clearly named.
- Children should bring their book bag to school every day, as we regularly practise reading and phonics throughout the week.
- Please send your child to school with a named coat every day, as the weather can change quickly and we spend time outdoors whenever possible.
- The school day begins at 8:45am and finishes at 3:15pm. Thank you for ensuring your child arrives on time each day, ready to learn.

Please keep an eye on Class Dojo, where we will regularly share photographs, updates, and information about all the fantastic learning taking place throughout the term. More information will also be shared at the **Meet the Teacher meeting**, taking place **at 8:30am on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September**. Information will be shared on ClassDojo for those unable to attend.

If, at any time, you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me or catch me at the end of the day. I am always more than happy to help.

We have a very exciting year ahead of us!

Kind regards,

Miss Byard, Mrs Impey and Mrs Klassen

*Year 2 Team*