



Year 2 Newsletter
Mrs Pavlovic and Miss Curtis
April – May 2026

Welcome back!

We hope everyone had a wonderful break. This half term, we will be learning about castles, which will be an exciting topic! We will be focusing on why castles were important and understanding the differences in how people once lived.

Thank you for everything you are doing to support the children in their learning while at home. Every additional bit of help will have a positive impact on their progress.

Writing

In writing last half term we started our new writing topic based on the story Kassim and the Greedy Dragon. The children will be innovating this story and writing their own suspense story all about their own creature! We will focus on using The children will then use our trip to Skipton Castle to write a recount text. The children will use exciting and ambitious vocabulary to excite and inform the reader!

Reading

We strongly encourage you to read with your child **every day** or at least **3 times a week** for a **minimum of 10 minutes**. Listening to your child read and sharing stories with them is so important. Please practise the phonic sounds with your child, help them retrieve answers to questions and describe how characters are feeling; using the text to help them. Furthermore, discuss how they can make connections with the books that they are reading and other books that they have read or their own experiences. Please ensure you sign your child's reading record each time.

Maths

This half term in maths, pupils will continue developing their multiplication skills, focusing on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. They will also explore measurement using standard units such as centimetres, metres, grams, kilograms, millilitres and litres.

Children will learn to recognise and work with fractions including $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{2}{4}$, using both shapes and quantities.

Science:

This half term, children will learn about how to maintain a healthy lifestyle. They will explore the importance of a balanced diet and the types of foods needed for good nutrition. They will also learn how good hygiene, regular exercise and enough sleep all play a key role in keeping their bodies healthy.

Homework

- Reading **every day** or at least **three times a week**.
- Spellings to practise every week.
- Homework set on IXL.

PE:

Year 2 Dame Wilma Rudolph - Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 2 Nicola Adams - Monday and Wednesday

The children can come to school in their PE kits on these days.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you so much for your support!

Year 2 team 😊

Important Dates:

Trip to Skipton Castle – Thursday 7th May 2026

**You can help by:**

- Encourage your child to practise reading and spelling the Year 1 and Year 2 common exception words and their spellings.
- Hit The Button is a fun game where children can practise number bonds, addition and subtraction facts and times tables. It can be played on most devices. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
- Helping your child with any further research they wish to do on the topics we are covering in school.