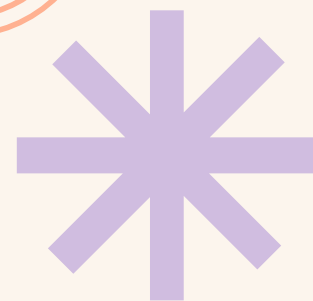


Infant 2 Newsletter

Autumn 2 2025



Welcome Back!

Welcome back, I hope you all managed to unwind after a busy half-term. The children have all settled in really quickly, which is fantastic! We have an exciting half-term ahead of us as preparations begin for our Christmas nativity which is always a highlight for everyone involved!

PE

Tuesday

Yoga

Friday

SWIMMING

Please send your child to school in PE kit on Tuesdays. Please send your child in normal school uniform on Friday along with their swimming kit. They will get changed once they arrive at the leisure centre.

School PE kit is: a white t-shirt, black jogging bottoms/shorts/leggings and trainers. Please include a black or school jumper for going outside. We utilise all spaces in the school grounds and will be outside all year round so please ensure you child has appropriate clothing and footwear.

Phonics

We will continue to follow Read Write Inc programme and each day children will have a 20-minute phonics lesson.

Topic

Our topic will continue as 'My Village and Me'. For this half term our topic focus will be based on the history of Gunthorpe village and the bridge. We will be studying our family trees and milestones in our lives. Excitedly we will also be learning all about Guy Fawkes and the gunpowder plot! In science, we will be conducting an experiment on how soap works, learning about keeping ourselves healthy and why we need to eat a balanced diet. RE this term has a focus on incarnation and we will learn about two different religious festivals, Hanukkah and Diwali. In art we will be creating peer and self-portraits using different mediums.

Please!!

Please label all of your child's clothes and belongings that come into school. This will be especially important this term whilst Infant 2 are swimming. Thank you!

Spelling

We will continue to send spellings each Tuesday which will be tested the following Tuesday. For Year 1, this will include up to 8 spellings, 2 of which will be RED words. For Year 2, this will include up to 10 spellings, up to 3 of which will be RED words. Red words are words that cannot be sounded out phonetically. The format of the spellings sheet encourages regular opportunities to practice. We also have dedicated time during the week for children to practice these prior to Tuesdays test but always encourage regular home practice too. Your child's score will be recorded on their new spelling sheet each week for parents/carers to see. You will also start to see green words on the children's spelling sheet as the year progresses, these are words frequently misspelt by children in Infant 2.

Reading

Our class reward system for reading has started off really well. Well done to those who reached the top of the bee hive. As a reminder, each week, for every four reads recorded in a child's reading diary (signed by an adult), their bumblebee will move forward to the next flower on the way to the beehive. At the end of each half term, children who reach the beehive will receive a special certificate. We also encourage children to read their school book more than once—re-reading two or three times helps them to recognise RED words, build fluency, and develop expression. In school, your child will read to an adult several times each week, when we will also sign their diary and check whether they need new books. Please ensure you child's diary and books are in school every day. Thank you for your continued support.

Times table Rock Stars (TTRS)

Year 2 children will receive a login in for TT Rockstars. This website allows them to practice their times tables which is invaluable for their fluency in maths. You are welcome to access this at home. We will begin to introduce this in the classroom later in the term once we have covered some foundational maths skills.

Homework

Following the fantastic response to our homework grids last year, we are delighted to continue using this format. Each half term, a new grid will be sent home with suggested activities linked to our current topic. Your child can choose one activity that interests them most. The whole half term is available to complete it, so you may wish to work on it gradually as a project or complete it more quickly—whatever best suits your family. Homework is due back in school by Monday 15th December, when we will enjoy sharing it together in class (a highlight the children really look forward to!). If it's easier, homework can also be photographed and emailed to infant2@gunthorpe.notts.sch.uk.

Finally...

As always, if you wish to speak with us regarding anything relating to your child please call the school office to leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Alternatively, drop us an email (infant2@gunthorpe.notts.sch.uk) as we do try to check at the end of each school day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Hrubciak & Mrs Stewart
Infant 2 Class Teacher