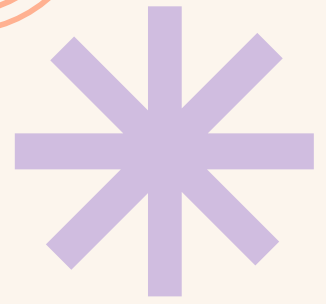


# Infant 2 Newsletter

## Spring 1 2026



### Welcome Back!

Welcome back, I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break. We have an exciting term ahead with lots to look forward to.



### PE

#### Tuesday

Dance with Lauren

#### Friday

Running and Jumping

Please send your child to school in PE kit on Tuesdays and Fridays.

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 your 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. Year 2's will begin to learn spelling rules and patterns this term too.

### Topic

Our topic for this half term is the 'The Big Freeze'. We will be learning all about the Arctic and Antarctica. We will be studying the animals that live there and how they have adapted to survive. We will also develop an understanding of how to use maps and atlases to locate countries and exploring how the world is split into different climate zones; hot, tropical, temperate and polar. In science, we will be exploring different properties of materials and conducting an experiment. RE this term has a focus Judaism. In art, we will be creating our own version of the northern lights using chalk and collaging.

### Please!!

Please label all of your child's clothes and belongings that come into school. It really helps to get misplaced items back to you.

Also please make sure long hair is tied back each day, especially on PE days!

Thank you!



## Spelling

We've seen how well lots of children have been doing with learning their spellings. 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.

## Reading

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'd love to see more children reaching the top of the beehive! 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

There is a new homework grid this half term which you will receive alongside this newsletter. The new grid has suggested activities linked to our current Big Freeze 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 Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February so that we have enough time to share it to the class and receive our reward. If it's easier, homework can also be photographed and emailed to [infant2@gunthorpe.notts.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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 Hrubiak & Mrs Stewart  
Infant 2 Class Teachers