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Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn Half Term 1 – September 2026

Attendance

Well done to all the children who have attended school every day so far this school year. Please remember that holidays in term time are classified as unauthorised absences and could lead to a fixed penalty notice being issued. When children's attendance is below 90%, parents will be asked to provide medical evidence when children are absent from school due to illness.

Studybugs

School communicates with parents via Studybugs. This also enables parents/careers to contact school staff. If you need to send medical evidence for absence due to illness, please send it via email to attendance@matherstreet.oldham.sch.uk

Meet the Teacher meeting

9am Monday 21st September in the school hall. Please come along to meet Miss Rothwell and find out about the year ahead in Year 2.

Clubs

Tuesdays – starting 15th September 2026 – Drawing Club

Thursdays – starting 17th September 2026 – Multi skills (children need pumps or trainers)

Clubs finish at 4pm – the children need to be collected from the main office.

PE

The Year 2 children have PE on a Thursday. School provides PE kit, but the children need pumps or trainers. The children will be focusing on throwing and catching skills.

English – Reading and Writing

This half term, Year 2 will be enjoying the story, "A River" by Marc Martin. We will be writing to entertain and inform, focusing on writing a circular narrative and a letter. The children will be exposed to a variety of activities to revise different language features.

In phonics, we will be focusing on phase 5 sounds. This will support the children to be more accurate with their spelling and read with fluency.

In reading, children will read three times a week in small groups. Each child will read a book at their specific level with a key focus on fluency. We will also be completing two comprehension sessions a week to support the children's understanding of texts. Each child will take home a book at the level that they are reading in class alongside a book of their choice for pleasure.

Maths

In maths, we will be focusing on place value and addition and subtraction. Children will explore numbers to 100, compare objects and numbers and learn to count in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s. In addition, and subtraction, children will learn how to add and subtract across a 10.

Geography

This half term our topic is 'Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?'. We will be learning about the 7 continents, the North and South Pole and the equator. We will compare hot and cold places and choose which climate we would prefer to live in. A brilliant way to support the children is to listen to the 7 continents song on YouTube.

Science

This half term we will be learning about living things and their habitats. We will be learning about how animals are suited to their habitats and how we can protect them..

RE

In R.E. children will be answering the question 'How and why do people pray?'

PSHE'

In PSHE, we will be exploring families and relationships.

Art

In art the children will be drawing, with a specific focus on tone and texture.

Computing

This half term we are focusing on computing systems and networks: What is a computer? Our first lesson will be all about online safety where the children will decide what is safe to share online.

Music

Year 2 have their music lesson on a Thursday. Mrs Saville from the Music Centre will be focusing on call and response with a theme of animals.

Design and Technology

This half term, the children will focus on mechanisms. We will create a fairground wheel.

Homework

Tasks will be given out each Friday to be returned by the following Wednesday. Homework will be marked and returned to you to keep on a weekly basis. Please make sure that your child hands in their homework.

Reading books will be given out each Friday. Books must be brought into school every day so that we are able to provide all children with high quality books.

Holidays

Autumn half term – School finishes on Friday 23rd October 2026 at 3:20pm and reopens on Monday 2nd November 2026.

Kind regards
Miss Rothwell