

Year 2 Learning Overview Autumn 1	
Literacy	<p>In English, Year 2 pupils will explore <i>Vlad and the Great Fire of London</i> by Kate and Sam Cunningham, a captivating story set during the historical event of the Great Fire of London. The book follows Vlad, a young character experiencing the dramatic events of the fire. Students will complete two final writing outcomes:</p> <p><b>To Entertain:</b> They will write a character description, focusing on vividly portraying Vlad.</p> <p><b>To Inform:</b> They will create a fact file, summarising key facts about the Great Fire of London.</p>
Phonics/ Reading	<p>In Year 2, pupils will build on their reading skills using the Little Wandle programme and Little Wandle Fluency programme. They will focus on developing reading fluency through regular practice with carefully selected texts that match their reading level. This will involve recognising and blending phonemes, reading with expression, and improving their ability to read smoothly and confidently.</p>
Maths	<p>In Year 2, pupils will use the White Rose Maths programme to study <b>place value, addition, and subtraction</b>. They will understand digit values in two-digit numbers, compare and order numbers, and solve problems using place value. They will also develop strategies for addition and subtraction, including mental calculations and written methods, to enhance their mathematical skills and confidence.</p>
Science	<p>In Year 2, the Science unit <b>Everyday Materials</b> will have pupils explore and compare materials like wood, metal, and plastic. They will investigate the properties of these materials and their uses in everyday objects through hands-on activities and experiments.</p>
Computing	<p>In Year 2, the Teach Computing unit <b>Pictograms</b> will introduce pupils to creating and interpreting simple pictograms. They will learn how to represent data visually using pictures and symbols, and understand how to read and analyse information from these pictograms.</p>
History	<p>In History, Year 2 will learn about <b>The Great Fire of London</b>. In this unit, pupils will explore the events of the 1666 fire that devastated the city. Pupils will learn about the causes and impact of the fire, key figures involved, and how London was rebuilt.</p>
DT	<p>In DT, year 2 will focus on <b>Mechanics: Wheels and Axles</b>. Pupils will design and build models using wheels and axles. They will learn how these mechanisms work to create movement and apply their understanding through hands-on projects.</p>
Music	<p>In music, Year 2 will complete the unit <b>Tempo: The Snail and the Mouse</b>. Pupils will learn about the concept of tempo through the story. They will explore different tempos by listening to and performing music, learning to identify and respond to varying speeds in musical pieces.</p>
PSHE	<p>In the PSHE unit <b>Celebrating Me</b> will focus on helping pupils to recognise and appreciate their own unique qualities and achievements.</p>
RE	<p>In Year 2, the RE unit <b>Is It Possible to Be Kind to Everyone All of the Time?</b> Pupils will explore Jesus' summary of the Ten Commandments into two key principles: "Love the Lord your God" and "Love your neighbour as yourself."</p>
PE	<p>In PE, pupils will complete the unit <b>Gym Run</b> which has a strong focus on fitness. Students will engage in a variety of exercises and activities designed to improve their stamina, strength, and coordination.</p>