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Infant School

Year 2 Newsletter

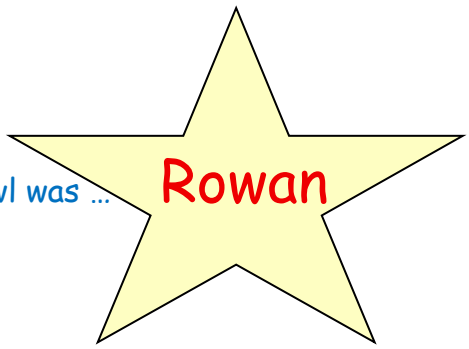
This week in Year 2… week commencing 16th November 2026

Oxford Owl

https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/please-log-in

Please log in with your Oxford Owl log in, located on your child's reading diary.

Last week's winning class, with the most reads on Oxford Owl was …



Reading book assigned this week **Meg's Scrapbook**

Well done again Rowan! Oak, you need to get reading and see if you can read more than Rowan at home.

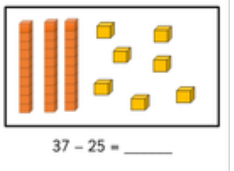
English



This week we will be continuing our non fiction writing on Grace Darling.
We will be starting planning for writing our own biography. The children have learned about Emmeline Pankhurst and Rosa Parks in history and they will choose one of these significant people to write about.

Maths

This week in Maths we are learning about subtraction, children will be taught how to subtract using dienes (tens and ones sticks) and how to draw this in their books to help them visualse!



Geography

This week we will be looking at reading maps using a key. The children will be looking at a map of Whitby and be introduced to vocabulary such as location, key, human and physical features.



Science

This week we will be beginning an experiment to test our fitness skills. We will be conducting 4 tests and monitoring them over the next few days to see how they change.



Dictation:

This week our dictation will be **'j' sound, written as 'g, ge' and 's' sound written as 'c' and homophones**

Examples of this includes 'giant', 'huge', 'city'. Homophones are words that sound the same but have different meanings. They also have different spellings. 'hear' and 'here', 'see' and 'sea' for example. We will also include some common exception words and super spell words.

Ideas for working with your child at home:

- Practice adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers. Remember you can jot tens and ones or use a 100 square to prove your calculations
- Using words taken from the 'common exception word lists;' pass, would, half, cold… write them into sentences / short story.
- Do some research into Emmeline Pankhurst and Rosa Parks – what else can you find out that you'd like to include in your independent writing?

Notices:

- We are noticing a lot of tired children (especially on Mondays). We know from time to time there are celebrations and festivities that families are involved with, but please remember sleep is important. On average young children need between 10 -12 hours of sleep each night and a regular routine really helps.
- Your child needs a water bottle every day. Please fill with water each morning and we can refill during the day.
- It is that time of year again (yippee!!) and we are planning our Christmas performance – we have talked to the children, and they know that there will be a part in the play for all whether it is singing, dancing or a speaking part. As we are in the process of casting the play we would appreciate it if you could let the year 2 staff know if you are planning a holiday/ time away in the week of the Christmas plays in particular the 15th and 16th December, that would be helpful. Thank you.
- **Year 2 family workshop Wednesday 18th November. Please come and work with your children and have a lovely morning.**

Anti bullying week

This week is national anti-bullying week. We will be discussing it in class, and doing lessons and activities around this year's theme of Break the Silence. If you would like more information, please click here to see the Anti-Bullying Alliance's parent and carer guide. https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2026/parent-and-carer-pack

OAK CLASS

On Thursday 26th November 3.15-4 (straight after dismissal), we would like to invite you to come and enjoy some quality reading for pleasure time in the library! This is a chance for you to choose a book and share it with your child in our newly refreshed

library space. If you would like to join us, please wait at the bottom of the ramp where Oak class is dismissed. The more the merrier! 😊

Thank you and happy reading!

Mrs Arnold

Thanks for your support.

The Year Two team 😊

Any questions please do not hesitate to email us and we will respond as soon as we can.

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Attendance Update November 2026

Working Together for Great Attendance!

We know that children can experience minor illnesses from time to time, particularly during the winter months. Where your child is well enough to attend, coming into school helps them to keep learning, stay connected with their friends and maintain their usual routine.

The NHS guidance can help you decide whether your child is well enough to come into school or would be better cared for at home.

We really appreciate your support in helping your child attend school as regularly as possible, while also making sure they have time to recover when they are genuinely unwell.

Is my child too ill for school?



(Winter Health Guidance)

It can be tricky to decide whether to keep your child home when they wake up feeling under the weather.

• Mild colds and coughs. Children with a minor runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough can usually attend school as long as they do not have a high temperature.

• High temperatures. If your child has a fever, please keep them at home until their temperature returns to normal without medication.

• Sickness and diarrhoea. Children must stay off school for 48 hours after their last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.

• NHS guidance. If you are unsure, you can check the NHS Is My Child Too Ill for School Guide for clear advice on common winter illnesses.

Find out more: https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

Being Prepared for Winter Weather

Cold mornings and dark afternoons can make the school run harder, so a little preparation helps avoid late marks and absences.

- Warm clothing. Please send your child with a warm, waterproof coat, hat, and gloves every day. Remember to label all items clearly.
- Allow extra travel time. Frosty windscreens, icy pavements, and heavier traffic can cause delays. Leaving 10 minutes earlier helps ensure your child arrives on time for registration.

School closures. We always aim to stay open during bad weather. If severe snow or ice forces a closure, we will notify you on the school website.

More attendance information can be found on the parent tab of the school website. https://www.blossomfield.solihull.sch.uk/Parents/ATTENDANCE/