

# Parent Curriculum Event

Year 2, November 2024



# Agenda

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1. Curriculum and Key Dates (Autumn Term)
2. Timetables and Routines
3. Home Learning



# Welcome to Year 1

Curriculum briefing for Autumn: Half Term 2



# Welcome to Year 2 Team

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**Miss Rae**  
Deer Class Teacher



**Miss Dimambro**  
Otters Class Teacher



**Mrs Austin**  
Otters Class Teacher



**Mrs Wright**  
Teaching Assistant



**Mrs Colborne**  
Teaching Assistant

# Curriculum & Key Dates

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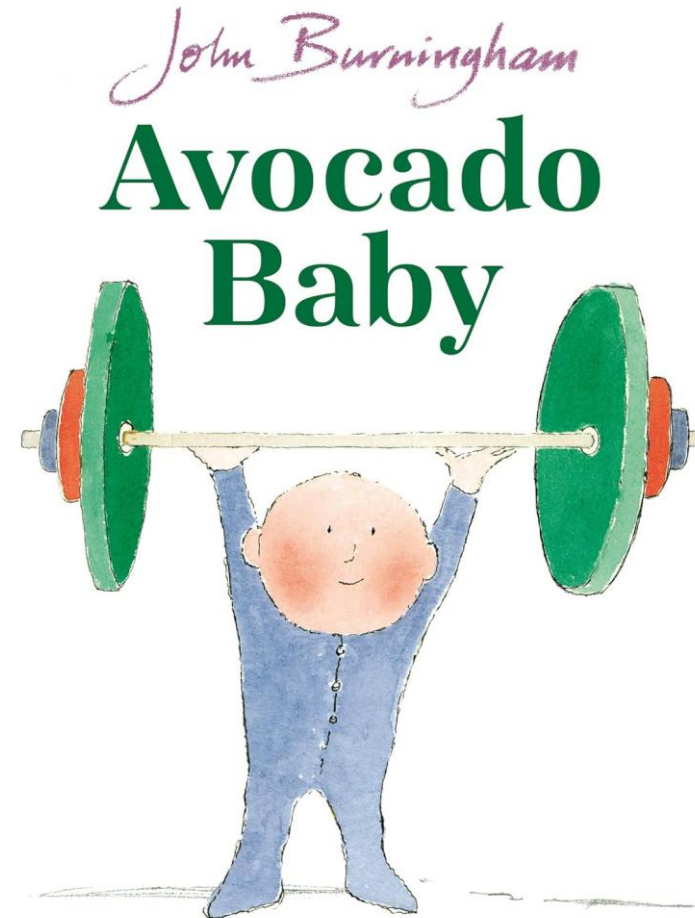
# Curriculum overview

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- **Science:** Needs of animals
- **History:** Local History
- **R.E:** What does it mean to be free?
- **Design and Technology:** Food: Salads
- **PSHE:** Celebrating Differences
- **Computing:** Photography
- **P.E.** – Monday and Wednesday



# Key texts for Autumn 2



# Key dates

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**Please put these dates in your diary:**

- Key date 1: Odd Socks Day – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November
- Key date 2: Onesie Day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November
- Key date 3: Nativity Performance – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December
- Key date 4: Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December
- Key date 5: Last day of term – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – 1:30pm
- Key date 6: St James's Church visit - TBC



# Timetable & Routines

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# Weekly timetable

Day / Time	08:40 - 09:00	Session 1 09:00-9:45	Session 2 9:45-10:30	Break 10:30-10:45	Session 3 10:45 -12:00		Lunch 12:00-13:00	Session 4 13:00 – 13:15	Afternoon Learning 13:15 – 15:00			E.O.D 15:00-15:05	
Monday	Morning independent task	Maths	Whole Class Reading	BREAK	Phonics	English	LUNCH	PPA - Science		PPA - PE		14:30 assembly	DEAR
Tuesday	Morning independent task	Maths	Whole Class Reading		Phonics	English		Computing		Handwriting	Maths Mastery		DEAR
Wednesday	Morning independent task	Maths	Whole Class Reading		Phonics	English		RE		PE			DEAR
Thursday	Morning independent task	Maths	Whole Class Reading		Phonics	English		PSHE		History		14:30 Singing assembly	DEAR
Friday	Morning independent task	Maths	Whole Class Reading		Phonics	English		Handwriting		DT		14:30 Golden assembly	First Chapter Friday



# Year 2 at a glance

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Morning drop off:

- Doors open at 08:40 (siblings) 08:50 all other children → early morning activity
- Doors close at 09:00 → registration

End of the day pick up:

- Doors open at 15:05

PE days:

- Monday
- Wednesday

Homework (same cycle across the school):

- Issued on Friday
- Due the next Thursday



# Home Learning Expectations

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# Reading every day: the power of 1:1 reading

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The expectation is that every child reads at home (or is read to by an adult) every day.

Where it is such a key life skill, we feel this sits at the very top of our home learning priorities.

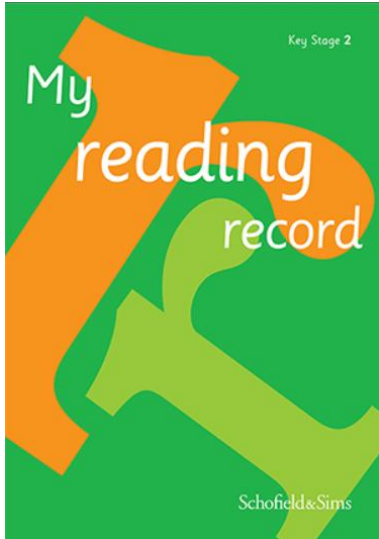


*Please do have a look on the reading section of our website as there is a range of information on how best to support your child with reading:*

→ [Early Reading | Subjects | Curriculum | Avonwood Primary School](#)

# Reading

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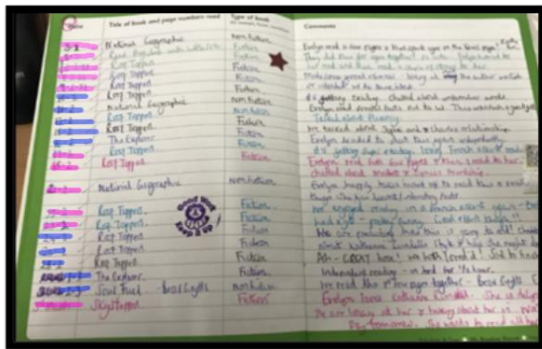


- Record reading (including genre) (ideally daily)
- Read with expression and pay attention to the punctuation used
- Ideas for questions and activities to use when reading with your child
- Teachers will stamp reading records once a week but may also check these throughout the week



# Reading 'High 5'

- Bring your reading record in every day.
- An adult will check these weekly.
- Once you have read five times (this does not have to be in the same week and weekends can be included) an adult will tick the 'High 5' reading chart and you will be given a pom pom for our class jar!
- When the jar is full of pom poms, our class will get time to celebrate our success together with a reading raffle activity!





# Recommended Reads

## Recommended Reads for Year

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### Billy the Beast by Nadia Shireen

While out on a lovely walk in the woods, Billy and her trusty sidekick **Caro** hear a terrible rumble... a terrible rumble coming from a Terrible Beast!  
He's making a Terrible Soup out of all of Billy and **Caro's** friends! Luckily, our brave heroine Billy has a trick or two up her sleeve (or in her **hair**...)



### Funny Bums, Freaky Beaks and Other Extraordinary Creatures by Alex Moss and Sean Taylor

These creatures have strange features – but they all serve a very useful purpose. Everybody and everything is strange and wonderful in its own way – difference should be celebrated!



### A First Poetry Book by Pie Corbett

A topic based collection of poems created for KS1 pupils. It features poems about mermaids, monsters, mythical creatures, feelings and more.



### The Worst Witch by Jill Murphy

Mildred Hubble is a trainee witch at Miss Cackle's Academy, and she's making an awful mess of it. She's always getting her spells **wrong** and she can't even ride a broomstick without crashing it. Will she ever make a real witch?



### Gregory Cool by Caroline Binch

When Gregory wakes up on his first day in Tobago with his grandparents, his heart sinks. The food is strange, the sun too hot, his cousin Lennox is on another wave length and there are none of the televisions, video games and other high-tech gadgets that a cool city-boy takes for granted.



### The Pirates Next Door Jolley-Rogers by Johnny Cuddle

A **pirate family**, are moving to Dull-on-Sea, a quiet seaside town. Stopping to fix up their ship, this unusual family get the whole neighbourhood spreading rumours. Defying the grown-ups, Matilda from next door decides to become friends with the youngest pirate son.



### Dr Xargle's Book of Earthlets by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross

Dr **Xargle** instructs his class of aliens on the appearance and habits of "Earthlets" (human babies) before embarking on a field trip to Earth. Bath-time, feeding, and changing nappies are all given a new slant by this alien guide to human behaviour.



### The Troll by Julia Donaldson

The Troll longs for a goat - but **has to** make do with fish for supper instead. Meanwhile, Hank Chief and his pirate crew are digging for treasure - but it seems they've sailed to the wrong island. Again.



### Mr Majoika by Humphrey Carpenter

Mr **Majoika** can behave just like any ordinary teacher if he wants to, but something has to be done about Hamish **Buggero**, the class nuisance, and so he uses a little magic to turn him into a frog. And to everyone's delight it looks as if Hamish will have to remain a frog because Mr **Majoika** can't remember the spell to turn him back again! With Mr **Majoika** in charge, suddenly life at school become much more exciting – there's even a **magic-carpet** ride to Buckingham Palace!



### The Elephant by Peter Carnawa

A big grey elephant is following Olive's father around. It leaves with him for work and trails behind him when he comes home, keeping him heavy and sad. Every day, Olive wishes it would disappear. When she is asked to bring something old and wonderful to show her class, Olive immediately wants to bring her old bike - but she will need her father's help to fix it. Teaming up with her cheery grandad and best friend Arthur, she sets out to chase the elephant away.



## Additional Challenge Reads for Year 2



### The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt

Poor Duncan just wants to colour in. But when he opens his box of crayons, he only finds letters, all saying the same thing: 'We quit! Beige is tired of playing second fiddle to Brown, Blue needs a break from colouring in all that water, while Pink just wants to be used. Green has no complaints, but Orange and Yellow are no longer speaking to each other. The battle lines have been drawn. What is Duncan to do?'



### Pip and Egg by Alex Latimer

Pip is a seed from a glorious tree, and Egg is a bird's egg from a nearby nest. When Pip and Egg first meet, they are almost the same size and shape - like two peas in a pod. But as their friendship grows, so do they - for Pip this means growing roots, but for Egg? Well, Egg grows wings, and she can't wait to use them. Though Pip wishes he can follow Egg on her adventures, his roots are strong. **So** he watches his friend fly away. But true friends always find their way back to one another, and there are no truer friends than Pip and Egg.



### Greta and Giants by Zoe Tucker

Greta is a little girl who lives in a beautiful forest threatened by Giants. When the Giants first came to the forest, they chopped down trees to make houses. Then they chopped down more trees and made even bigger homes. The houses grew into towns and the towns grew into cities, until now there is hardly any forest left. Greta knows she **has to** help the animals who live in the forest, but how? Luckily, Greta has an idea...



### The Boy in the Jam Jar by Joyce Dunbar

Dylan can't hear as well as he used to be able to and he doesn't want to be different from his friends - he wants things to go back to the way they used to be. As his hearing gets worse, he becomes more and more isolated from his friends. Luckily his dog Pluto is there to keep him down to earth...



### The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me by Roald Dahl

Meet Billy. A kid with a dream. He wants to turn an old wooden house into an incredible sweetshop full of treats! And meet the **Grumpy** window cleaning company: Monkey, Pelican (Pelly) and Giraffe (who needs ladders when you've got a giraffe?!). They have just landed a big break cleaning all six hundred and seventy-seven windows of the mansion owned by the richest man in all of England! All they need now is a little help from Billy.



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# Home Learning: activities in addition to reading

- Cycle: issued Friday, due Thursday
- Home-learning policy on school website
- Website: Parents → Homework → Year group

Activity	Expectation
Daily Reading	5x 10min sessions a week
Doodle Maths	3x 10min sessions a week
Spellings <b>[Year 2 only: from the Spring Term onwards]</b>	Around 10 minutes a week via Spelling Shed
'Times Tables Rockstars' <b>[Year 2 only: from the Spring Term onwards]</b>	3x 10min sessions a week

# Home Learning: activities in addition to reading

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## **‘Reach for the Stars’ – optional enrichment activities to enjoy with your child:**

- ⇒ Challenge 1: Use shapes that we have learned in maths to create a piece of art.
- ⇒ Challenge 2: How many different addition and subtraction calculations can you make using the numbers 1, 2, 5 and 10? You can only use a number once in each calculation.
- ⇒ Challenge 3: Counting in tens challenge.
- ⇒ Challenge 4: In science we are learning about the needs of animals, so research an animal of your choice and write a list of interesting facts on them including their habitat and diet.
- ⇒ Challenge 5: Write a letter to a friend about an exciting event using time adverbials, conjunctions and adjectives.
- ⇒ Challenge 6: Find an old and new photograph of Bournemouth and write about the similarities and differences that you can see.
- ⇒ Challenge 7: Design an anti-bullying superhero and label it with expanded noun phrases.

# Ongoing Communication

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- Always refer to our official website
- If in doubt, please talk to us!
- Instagram feed: **@avonwood.year.2**
- If you would like to contact your class teacher or year leader, please email the office and they will forward on.

[office@avonwoodprimaryschool.org.uk](mailto:office@avonwoodprimaryschool.org.uk)



# Any questions?

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