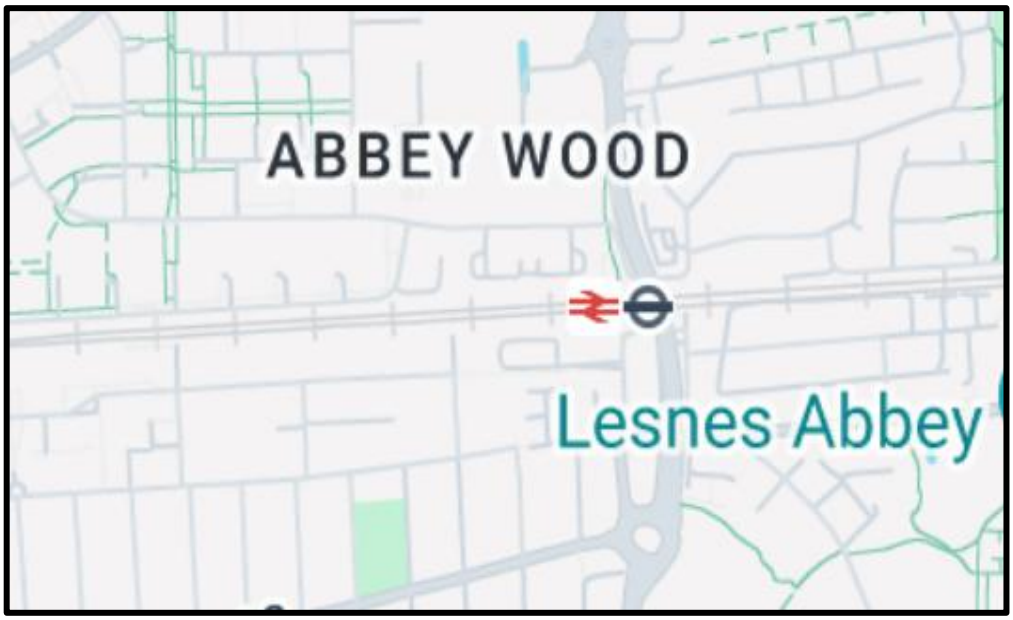
Year 2 Newsletter Autumn 2

Enjoy the rest!

We hope all our pupils and their families have a lovely half term break. The coming weeks are set to be exciting and full of learning for our Year 2 pupils. Read on to find out more about what we have in store!



Key dates and important information:

Date	Activity
Thursday 5th November	Local area walk
Friday 13th November	Light Up The Sky
Monday 30th November	INSET day
2nd and 3rd December	Parent consultation meetings
Tuesday 15th December	Year 2 Christmas performance
Thursday 17th December	Carols in the Playground

PE days	**This half term, PE will focus on tennis and fitness. PE days: Mondays and Thursdays.** All items of clothing should be clearly named, including school uniform. If your child wears trainers with laces, please do spend some time learning how to tie them prior to wearing them at school.
Spelling Test	Every Friday
Book change	Every Friday

Term ends on Friday 18th December (half day). Please check our year group page on the school website for more curriculum information.

OUR CURRICULUM

English

This half term, children will write a letter to Aunt Lucy about Paddington's adventures. Drama and oral rehearsal will help them describe events using expanded noun phrases, time words, conjunctions and contractions such as I'm and I've. Later, we will write an alternative ending to Where the Wild Things Are, using descriptive language, possessive apostrophes and adverbs ending in -ly. In reading, we will explore adventure stories and develop fluent, confident reading.

Maths

In maths, we will develop addition and subtraction within 100 using practical resources, part-whole models and hundred squares. We will practise number bonds to 10 and 20, add and subtract tens and ones, and learn to exchange a ten when subtracting. We will also add three one-digit numbers using number bonds and doubles. Children will use related addition and subtraction facts to check answers and solve missing-number problems.

Science

As botanists, we will investigate how seeds and bulbs grow. We will test how water, light and temperature affect plants and record changes over time.

Geography Enquiry

We will explore Abbey Wood, identify human and physical features, and design a map showing improvements, with a key and compass directions.

DT Enquiry

We will investigate, design, make and evaluate a comfortable, sturdy chair for Paddington. We will learn how to safely measure, mark out, cut and shape materials and components using a range of tools.

PSHE

We will learn about road safety. We will learn about the dangers of crossing and being near roads and how to be safe.

RE

In RE, we will be learning about Hinduism with a focus on Hindu beliefs about God and the story of Diwali. We will explore how Hindus celebrate Diwali and compare it to Christmas (Christianity) and Hannukah (Judaism).

How to support your child at home with their learning this half term…

- **Science** - Grow a seed together. Record how it changes and talk about what it needs to grow.
- **Geography** - Explore Abbey Wood. Talk about human features (e.g. buildings, roads and railways) and physical features (e.g. woodland, river, hills) and discuss how the area could be improved.
- **Maths** - Practise number bonds to 10 and 20. Use everyday objects to add and subtract, and ask your child to explain their answer. Count in 2s, 5s and 10s together as much as possible - in the car, on the bus or on the walk to school.