

# Autumn Term 2025



## Important Dates

Wednesday 10th Sept 2.50pm Year 2 Meet the Teacher, including how to support at home

Thursday 25th Sept—European Day of Languages

Wed 8th Oct 9am KSI Harvest assembly (parents in)

W/c 20th October Reading with parents 9.00am

KSI— Wednesday

Friday 24th October INSET day

27th Oct—31st Oct Half term

11th/13th November: Parent consultations

Wb 17th November: Well-being week

Fri 12th Dec KSI Christmas production 9.10am and 2.40 am

Tues 16th Dec EYFS/KSI Christmas lunch

Weds 17th Dec Christmas jumper day

Weds 17th Dec Volunteer coffee 9am

Wednesday 17th Dec Rocksteady Concert

**Frid 19th Dec—Break the rules day**

Fri 19th 2pm—End of term



## Welcome to Year 2



Welcome to the start of the Autumn term. We hope that you had an enjoyable summer holiday!

Starlings' teacher is Mr Sainsbury and Sparrows' teachers are Mrs Ahwe (Mon-Wednesday) and Mrs Rolfe (Thurs-Fri).

Starlings' teaching assistant is Mrs Merritt and Sparrows' teaching assistant is Mrs Wise.

If you need to contact us, please use our class emails, which we will respond to within 2 working days:

**starlings@northgate.herts.sch.uk**

**sparrows@northgate.herts.sch.uk**

Alternatively, if you need to pass on information **for the same day** please contact the office.

At break-time, children are offered a portion of fruit. If you wish to send in a different snack, it must be a piece of fruit or some vegetables (carrot sticks). Children are encouraged to bring in their own water bottle with plain water.

## Maths

This term, please help your child to:

-Quickly recall number bonds to 10 and 20.

-Recognise the place value of each digit in a two-digit number (tens, ones).

-Partition two-digit numbers into different combinations of tens and ones.

-Compare and order numbers from 0 up to 100 using the <, > and = signs.

Recognise odd and even numbers.

-Recognise and use symbols for pounds (£) and pence (p).

-Combine amounts to make a particular value and find different combinations of coins that equal the same amounts of money.

- Tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes.

## Trips / Events (dates TBC)

- Autumn 1—Walk to Waytemore castle
- Autumn 2 - Pirate Day

## Home Learning

A book banded reading book will be sent home daily and changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. A library book will be chosen to take home on a Friday for you to share with your child. The children choose these based on their own interests to help develop their love of reading. Please listen to your child read at least three times per week in order to help them improve their decoding, increase their vocabulary and deepen their understanding of the text. Please sign in their reading record. If your child has lost or misplaced their reading record, please let us know as soon as possible.

Spellings, based on the 'Little Wandle' phonics/ Read Write Inc. programme, are set on a weekly basis.

Maths Key Instant Recall Fact (KIRFS) for the half term should be practised as much as possible so it becomes fluent. See maths box above.

Maths or English tasks are uploaded to Google Classroom on a Friday and need to be completed and returned by the following Wednesday. Home learning tasks must be completed in home learning books, unless requested otherwise by class teacher. Both English and maths tasks must be completed in pencil. Sometimes, a topic based task will be sent home. These tasks should take approximately 20 minutes.

## Reading

Guided reading is carried out four times a week in small groups. Please ensure your child's reading record is in school daily so they can be used for communication about reading progress. Please use the Little Wandle website parent section to support you with phonics at home. Click [here](#) for the link. If you are interested in helping to listen to individual readers, please contact the office

## Topic

In the first half term, our topic will be Towers, Tunnels and Turrets. In this historical based topic, we look at different castles in the United Kingdom and learn about the different parts of a castle. We will learn about habitats and food chains in science. Land Ahoy! will be our topic after half term and we will study famous pirates. In our geography work, we will learn about the different continents and seas and in D&T we will design and make lighthouses.

**PSHE Me and My Relationships**—Bullying, rules and what is a good relationship (friendship).

**Valuing Differences**—Understanding others views and speaking out. Inclusion and diversity (religion, race, different family units, neurodiversity, etc.).

## PE Kit

PE lessons are on Mondays and Fridays.

Children may wear school PE kit on PE days (white top and green shorts/ green tracksuit)