

Maths: Skills and Knowledge

Money – Recognising coins and notes, counting money in pence and pounds, selecting coins to make an amount, making the same amount in different ways, comparing money, finding the total, finding the difference, finding change.

Multiplication and Division – Recognise, make and add equal groups, multiplication sentences using the x symbol, using arrays, 2, 5 and 10 times tables, dividing by 2, 5 and 10, division by sharing, division by grouping, odd and even numbers.

Understanding the World Around us

History:

The Wright Brothers, Amy Johnson and Amelia Earhart.

RE:

Sikhism, Judaism, Islam and humanism on the theme of 'Rules and Routines'.

PSHE: Respecting Rights

- Understanding our rights.
- Thinking about who protects our rights.
- Respect and good manners.

Creativity and Design and PE

Art:

- Texture and pattern.
- Drawing/sculpture.
- Focus artists: Charles McGee and Bridget Riley.

Music:

- Exploring pitch.

PE:

- Dance.
- Target games.

English: Skills and Knowledge

Phonics – learning the 'Extended Code' from **Sounds Write** phonic programme.

Reading Comprehension – retrieving facts from a text, sequencing, using inference, predicting and understanding vocabulary.

Handwriting – using **Letter Join** programme.

Grammar – Different types of sentences: command, statement, exclamation and question; Time adverbs; Present tense, apostrophe, contracted words.

Editing – simple additions, revisions and proofreading corrections.

Spelling – Suffixes: 'er', 'est', 'ly', ful, ness.

Writing – Letter writing, story writing, poetry writing, information writing.

Year 2 Spring Term 2025-26 Sky Riders!

Vocabulary:

Maths: Pounds, pence, coins, notes, amount, total, difference, change, equal groups, multiplication, multiply, times tables, array, divide, division, sharing, grouping, odd, even.

English: Recount, past tense, verbs, adverbs, suffix, information text, sentence types, statement, question, command, exclamation, apostrophe, contracted word.

History: Flight, aviation, Wilbur Wright, Orville Wright, sequence, chronological order, famous, source, primary source, secondary source, development, Amy Johnson, compare, achievement.

Computing and Science; skills and knowledge

Computing:

- Robot Algorithms – How we use them every day and in technology.
- Internet safety week – focusing on being safe online.

Science: Plants

We will be taking the children to Kew as part of our topic on plants. This will be on **13th March 2026**. Please see Arbor for payment details.

Reading & Phonics:

We would like the children to read with you five times a week and each time we would like you to record this in their home school diary. The children will read with an adult in school once a week, when their book will also be changed. They can also swap their "Borrow a Book" on this day.

At HISN, we use the Sounds-Write phonics programme from EYFS to Year 2 and beyond. Children are taught how to:

- recognise the sounds that each individual letter makes,
- identify the sounds that different combinations of letters make e.g. sh,
- blend these sounds together from left to right to make a word.

Home Learning:

We continue to use our home learning platform to support children's learning at home. Activities and supporting websites, along with spellings and EOV words, can be accessed via the **'Home Support'** tab on the school website.

Year 2 – Spring Term

Key Year 2 Information:

Happy New Year & Welcome to the Spring Term!

Firstly, we would like to say a huge ‘thank you’ for all your Christmas wishes and thoughtful gifts – you are very generous! We hope you all had a relaxing and fun-filled festive period. We thoroughly enjoyed our first term with the children, and have been amazed by all they have achieved so far. We are really looking forward to what lies ahead during this Spring term!

Our topic this half term will be ‘Sky Riders’!

We are starting our “Sky Riders” topic by exploring the skies through our learning about the Wright Brothers and their invention of the first powered aeroplane. We will then be moving on to exploring our very own planet Earth, learning about plants in science.

Reading:

We believe reading is a life enhancing skill that is the entitlement of every child. We offer a balanced and creative, yet systematic, approach to the teaching of reading throughout the school; one which provides children with a teaching and application of phonics, alongside a focus on exploring comprehension, meaning and reading for enjoyment. We encourage children to love books, to love reading, to love finding out information and to love sharing stories together. These books will be changed once a week by the class teacher. Please sign the reading diary when you read with your child.

Reading Buddy:

Each class is very excited to welcome a new member into your child’s class. Each class now has their very own ‘Reading Buddy’ who will be coming home with a child every Friday (chosen in alphabetical order). The reading buddy will have a special book to share with your child. We would like you to read the story and then complete a book review ready to share this with the class the following week.

Vocabulary:

We will be continuing our focus on children’s vocabulary and introducing EOY (Expanding Our Vocabulary!) into each classroom. This will involve gathering 3 new words each week from our class text in each year group and displaying these in each classroom, teaching the spelling and explicit meaning, using them in different contexts and encouraging children to use these words in their own vocabulary.

Key dates:

- 2CB Class Assembly – Friday 23rd January.
- 2M Class Assembly – Friday 6th February.
- 2CB and 2B Parent Showcase – Monday 9th February.
- 2M and 2L Parent Showcase – Thursday 12th February.
- 2B Class Assembly – Friday 13th February.

PE:

Even during these cold winter months, PE lessons are up and running, so please ensure your child comes into school in the correct PE kit for both indoor and outdoor PE, including trainers and jogging bottoms for outside sessions. The full list of required kit is available on the school website.

Class PE days are as follows:

- Class 2CB: Tuesday and Friday
- Class 2B: Wednesday and Friday
- Class 2L: Monday and Friday
- Class 2M: Monday and Friday

Useful Websites:

Oak National Academy

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/key-stage-1>

Maths Zone

<https://mathszone.co.uk/>

NumBots

<https://numbots.com/>

Topmarks

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

NRICH

<https://nrich.maths.org/primary>