

Year 2  
Five Minute  
Curriculum Update

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**Our Curriculum Connector this half term:** The Gunpowder Plot  
**Author of the half term:** Julia Donaldson  
**Value of the half term:** Generosity

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**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**Autumn 1:**

**Monday 2nd September** -  
School reopens.

**Monday 9th September** -  
St Thomas Assembly

**Friday 13th September** -  
Parent consultations for  
children with ILP

**19th September** -  
Individual, sibling & staff  
photos - from 7:30am

SLT coffee morning  
(8:30am)

**Thursday 26th September**  
- Parent Learning  
Consultations via Zoom  
(booked appointments via  
ParentAPP)

**Friday 27th September** -  
Flu Nasal Spray Programme

**Monday 7th October** - Non  
-uniform for Spooky Bingo  
prizes

**Thursday 10th October**  
- Year 2 Harvest Festival  
(10am)

**Thursday 17th October** -  
Spooky Bingo (6.00pm)

**Friday 18th October** -  
School closes for half-term  
(3.10pm)



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**Outcomes:**

- \* Harvest Assembly
- \* Gun Powder Plot Artwork

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Welcome to Year 2 everyone! We hope you have all had a fantastic, fun-filled and restful Summer holiday.

Our new Year 2s seemed to really enjoy transition week. They settled in so well and we loved getting to know them! We tried hard to replicate their amazing Year 1 environment so they felt safe, secure and confident transitioning to Year 2. So far we have been successful by all accounts.

The children have come back this term brimming with enthusiasm and confidence and they are keen to start learning about everything we have to cover in Year 2. We will have a very busy, fun packed and exciting term ahead! We cannot wait to get started! We also have a fantastic new outdoor area JUST FOR YEAR 2s!

3, This half-term we aim to build on our successful transition week by continuing to structure our timetable so it builds upon the Year 1 routines. It is hugely important to us that the children are comfortable and secure with their new environment as this half term is going to be an extremely busy one! Our curriculum connector is **THE GUNPOWDER PLOT!** It is such an interesting and exciting topic and we are sure the children are going to love it! We will be learning all about Guy Fawkes and the plot in history and building on this knowledge in a variety of other subjects. We will be creating some fantastic artwork, and be writing gun powder plot fact files in literacy. We are also having a special visitor in school to tell us even more! Our maths work will focus on number which will provide the children with a valuable knowledge base for when we introduce the children to other elements in maths. In other subject areas we will be learning about lots of other fantastic things too. In science we will look at plants and what they need to grow. We will be making use of our new outdoor area which will include some big planters. In Geography we shall be recapping the 7 continents and 5 oceans and how to locate them on different maps then learning about the equator and the hemispheres so that we can begin to identify hot and cold places around the world. In Computing we will learn how to use programs and computing skills to create digital art. Our focus in RE will be on Christianity and God. We will learn about the Christian idea of creation and why Christians believe it is important to look after our planet.