



Year 2

Autumn Term- How is the UK different to Kenya?

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you have all had a lovely break over the summer and the children are refreshed and ready for an exciting year in Year 2! I am really looking forward to the year ahead - after spending time with the children during transition days, they have shown such enthusiasm, kindness and curiosity, and we can already see what a fantastic year this is going to be.

This term, we will be focusing on Africa as our overarching topic. This will feed into all areas of the curriculum as we investigate how the UK is different to Kenya during Geography, and learn all about the different animals we might find in Africa, and the habitats they live in. Whilst this is not compulsory, we would love you to get involved in our topic and encourage **any** home learning that is inspired by our topic.

In Science, our topic is Living Things and Their Habitats. The children will explore different habitats, including microhabitats, and think about how animals and plants are suited to where they live. We will be engaging with lots of practical activities, where the children can have a look at the different habitats

In Maths, we will be exploring place value, looking at how to identify numbers, read and write numbers to 100 using both numerals and words, and partitioning numbers. The children will begin to count in 2's, 5's and 10's, and begin to compare and order numbers.

Please note that our PE days will be **Thursdays** and **Fridays**. Please ensure that children come to school in their PE kits on these days, with long hair tied back and earrings removed. Please ensure that kit consists of black shorts/jogging bottoms, a red t-shirt and a plain black/red hoodie.

Please bring a named water bottle to school each day. If possible, it is really helpful if belongings are clearly named, just to avoid things getting lost.

Finally, we will be sending home a White Rose maths booklet which will consolidate the children's learning in lessons. It is really important that children continue to read regularly at home. We have started a new Phonics scheme, more information on this will be shared in the coming weeks. As a result of this new scheme, children will have a reading book matched to their phonics level for them to read, and they will also choose a reading for pleasure book which children can share at home, either reading themselves if they are able to or an adult reading this to them. These books will be changed weekly, on a Wednesday. This is so the children foster a love of reading, which is so important!

I am really looking forward to working with you all and can't wait for our new learning to begin!

Getting to know me...

I joined the John Blow team in the Summer term of 2025, in Year 2. I am passionate about children learning through hands-on activities and experiences, and I love to hear all about the children's hobbies and adventures outside of school, so please do share! My favourite subjects to teach are English and History. I am a keen reader, so I enjoy bringing this into the classroom by discussing books and reading different books. We love a story down in Year 2!

Outside of school, I live with my fiancée and our cocker spaniel puppy, Buddy. I enjoy travelling, long dog walks and meeting friends to try out new coffee shops. I'm a huge animal lover, so please feel free to come and tell me about your pets, if you have any!

Many thanks,

Miss Milner