



Y2 Parent Briefing

Autumn Term
2026

The Valley Community School:

“ A world class centre of outstanding learning”

“Together we're better”

- Core Values
 - Acceptance
 - Fairness
 - Trust
 - Equality
 - Respect

The Valley Community School:

Welcome to Year 2

- Staff
- Routines
- Working together to support your child
- Y2 Curriculum
- Assessment in Y2
- Reading expectations



Year 2 Staff

- Mrs Disley
- Mrs McGinley
- Mr Vickers
- Mrs Mogra
- Mrs Asmal
- Mrs Jiva
- Mrs Clarke
- Mrs Teylor

—meet—
OUR TEAM

Routines

- School starts at 8:45. Please ensure your child is here promptly.
- Registration closes at 9am.
- At hometime, please wait patiently at the Year 2 door.



Working together to support your child



Read

- Read every day and talk about the book.
- Encourage independent reading.



Practise

- Number bonds, counting and times tables.
- Use everyday opportunities to practise maths.
- Practise weekly spellings.



Homework

- Establish a regular routine.
- Encourage your child to have a go independently.



Talk

- Ask about their day at school.
- Talk about what they have learnt.
- Ask them to explain something new they have discovered.



Screens & Online Safety

- Set clear limits and healthy routines.
- Know what your child is watching, playing and accessing.
- Use parental controls and check age ratings.
- Encourage them to talk to you about anything that worries them.

Y2 Curriculum

Year 2 Curriculum Map

Subject	Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term	
	1 st half	2 nd half	1 st half	2 nd half	1 st half	2 nd half
Literacy – Refer to Literacy Spine for much more detail	Stories Set in Familiar Settings	Instructions Traditional Tales	Information Texts	Stories from Other Cultures	Non-Chronological Reports	Stories from a significant author
Maths	Number and Place Value, Addition and Subtraction	Measurement: Money Geometry: Shape	Number: Multiplication and Division, Statistics Geometry: Position and Direction	Measurement: Time Fractions	Number: The Four Operations, Measurement: Mass, Capacity, Temperature, Length and Height	Consolidation of the Four Operations and Problem Solving Consolidation: fractions, statistics, shape
Thematic study	Hot and Cold Places Geography	Y1 History consolidation	Time Travellers Part 1 History	India Geography	Time Travellers Part 2 History	Hooray...Let's Go On Holiday! Geography
Science	<u>What's it made of?</u> Materials, Their Properties and Suitability Natural / Man made		<u>How are you?</u> Healthy living Diet Exercise Hygiene		<u>Flowers and insects</u> Plants, insects, habitats, food chains	
DT		Designing and Constructing a Model Classroom (Construction)		Hygiene Planning and Making a Healthy Meal (Food)	Designing and Making a money wallet (Textiles)	
Computing	Digital Citizenship	Digital Literacy	Computer Science	Computer Science	Information Technology	Consolidation work for Digital Literacy*
	Project Evolve (strands 1-5)	NCCE Digital Photography	NCCE Robot Algorithms	NCCE Programming Quizzes	Project Evolve (strands 6-8) IT Pioneer Tim Berners-Lee	Typing across the years (Purple Mash)

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Art	Craft and design: Map it out		Painting and mixed media: Life in colour			Sculpture and 3D: Clay Houses
Physical Education	Games – Unit 1 – Throwing Catching – Inventing Games Gymnastics – Unit I – Pathways, Straight, Zig-Zag and Curving	Games – Unit 2 – Making Up Games Dance – 6.7 Unit 1	Gymnastics – Unit J – Turning, Spinning, Twisting Games – Dribbling, Kicking and Hitting	Dance – 6-7 Unit 2 Athletics – 6-7 Unit 1	Games – Unit 4 – Group Games and Inventing Rules Gymnastics – Unit K – Linking Movements Together	Athletics – 6-7 Unit 2 Dance – 6-7 Unit 3
PSHE	Being Me In My World	Celebrating Differences	Dreams & Goals	Healthy Me	Relationships	Changing Me
Religious Education	Who is Jewish and how do they live?	Why does Christmas matter to Christians?	What is the good news Jesus brings?	Why does Easter matter to Christians?	Who is Jewish and how do they live?	What does it mean to belong to a faith community?
Music	Hands, Feet, Heart South African styles	Ho Ho Ho! Christmas	I Wanna Play in a Band Rock music	Zootime Reggae	Friendship Song Friendship themes within songs	Reflect, Rewind, Replay Western classical music
Agreed events	Peace Day National Poetry Day	Winter Show	Big Me Day	World Book Day Fairtrade Fortnight Safer Internet Day	Mental Week	Refugee Week

Assessment in Year 2

- National Curriculum 2014
- At the end of Key Stage 1
- Children are either
 - *working towards the expected standard (EM)
 - *at the expected standard (EXP)
 - *above the expected standard (Greater Depth Stage (EXC)

Reading expectations



Behaviour expectations



Key dates for the week

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2X	Red reading group	Blue reading group	Orange reading group	Green reading group	Yellow reading group
2Y	Green reading group	Blue reading group	Orange reading group	Yellow reading group	Red reading group
		PE		PE	
	Spelling test	Hand in homework		New homework given out	

Other key events and info

- Peace Day - **Monday 21st September**
 - Harvest Assembly – **29nd September**
 - National Poetry Day - **1st October**
 - Y2 Trip to Queen's Park – **5th October**
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- Website: <http://www.thevalley.bolton.sch.uk/>
 - Instagram and Facebook: TheValleyBolton

Any questions?

**Please ask or stay
behind and we'll be
happy to help!**

Thanks for your time!

**Mrs Disley, Mrs
McGinley & Mr Vickers**

