

Year 2 Learning Letter

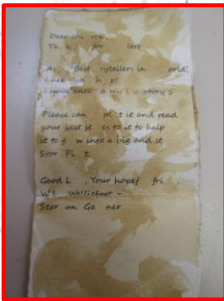
Friday 1st May 2026

What an absolutely delightful week it has been. The sun has been shining, we have completed some serious learning, laughed a lot and I have been utterly blown away with our most recent Accelerated Reader Star test results. I know we have made progress but WOW!

This year is truly flying, keep up the hard work as we continue to make even more positive learning steps this term.

Walter WellybOOts update

This week we waited... and waited and waited a bit more. Finally we received a response from Walter. A postman came into school, a tiny little letter that nearly got lost in his postal bag. Inside was a seed, we have planted the seed this week and hope that it will grow into a story plant.



Mass, Capacity and Temperature

This week, we will be finishing another maths unit of work. We have been lucky enough to have time exploring millilitres and litres.



Homework

After May half term, we will be learning about time. Time is an incredibly hard topic to learn. Many children don't have analogue clocks at home. Every year children find this incredible hard. Over the next 3 weeks, can you attempt to teach your children the basic skills in telling the time. This will really help us at school as I feel as though we never quite have enough time.

Please see attached sheet to see how to support your child at home.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday – Swimming
Wednesday – Invasion Games

Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 7 th May	Fire Safety Visit
Friday 8 th May	School closed at 1.30
Friday 22 nd May	2.15 -3.20 Open Classroom- Come and join up to see our terms work. Last Day
Week Commencing 25 May - Half term week.	



Florence

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Nicholas

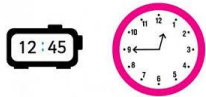
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Top tips for learning to tell the time

A handy little guide to support your child when learning to tell the time.

1 Analogue or digital?

Start with Analogue: While digital is easier to read, analogue clocks help children visualise the passing of time and the relationship between hours and minutes.



Practical suggestions

- Make sure you have an analogue clock at home.
- Get your child an analogue wrist watch. Get them excited. Tickers watches are great for beginners.
- Look through the telling the time homework pack.

2 The Hands

Identify the Hands: Teach that the **short** hand is the hour hand (slow) and the **long** hand is the minute hand (fast).



Practise Strategies

- **Use a Teaching Clock:** Use a toy clock with movable hands or a DIY paper clock to make it interactive.
- **Count in Fives:** Practice 5-times tables to make reading minutes easier (e.g., the number 2 represents 10 minutes).
- **Connect to Routine:** Use real-life examples like "It's 8 o'clock, time for school," or "It's half-past 5, time for dinner".
 - **Use Visual Aids:** use the worksheets
- **Use a Stopwatch:** Use a stopwatch to time daily challenges, such as how long it takes to tidy up.

3 Step 1- O'clock and Half past
Master "O'Clock" & "Half Past": Focus on these first. The minute hand on 12 is o'clock, and on 6 is half past.

4 Step 2- Quarter past/to
Introduce "Quarter Past/To": Move to the 3 (quarter past) and 9 (quarter to) once the basics are secure.

Remember to be patient, time is a hard topic to understand.

Play games and use apps.

There are loads of games and apps that can help children to learn to tell the time. Help them to have fun!

