



2L Classroom News

Avondale
Primary School

Autumn 1

Hello and welcome to 2L. I hope you all have had a fantastic summer and are ready for a fun-filled, wonderful year in Year 2. I am Miss Lysons and the class teacher of 2L. We are very lucky to have Mrs Gullick and Miss Gregson as our teaching assistants and Mrs Joyce will join us on Thursday afternoons. I am really excited about working with your children over the year and getting to know them. This is my 7th year in Year 2 and my 12th year teaching at Avondale – now I feel old. A little bit about me – I am a known crisps addict, I love to spend my weekends walking, cooking, painting and spending time with family and friends. I enjoy visiting new places so I travel whenever I can! I am always available at the start and end of the day so please do not hesitate to ask me anything! I look forward to the year ahead.

Dates for your Diary

9 September	EYFS Parental drop-in session
16 September	EYFS Parental drop-in session
17 September	Flu vaccinations
23 September	EYFS Parental drop-in session
24 September	Rock Kidz
30 September	EYFS Parental drop-in session
2 October	Return Cauliflower Card artwork (if ordered)
7 October	Class 2L assembly
7 October	EYFS Parental drop-in session
8 October	School Photos
8 October	Class 6C assembly
14 October	EYFS Parental drop-in session
	Opening Evening for 2027 intake 6:30pm
	Harvest Assembly
15 October	Opening Morning 9:30am and 11:00am
22 October	Parents Evening
23 October	School closes for half term break (re-opens Monday 2 nd November)

Friendly Reminders

Reading – Please ensure that your child has their reading book in school at all times. This is really important for your child's learning and development. Please ensure that you are reading with your child at least 5 times a week.

Homework – Reading is the main priority for homework. We will also upload weekly spellings on Purple Mash and set a Maths activity on Purple Mash as well. A weekly spelling review will be on a Friday. The children's log ins are in the front of their reading record.

Forest School – We will be doing Forest School this half term with Miss Braysford. It will be on Tuesday afternoons. Please pack appropriate attire for your children – weather dependent.



Learning

English and Maths

In English, we will be concentrating on ensuring that we can structure and punctuate our sentences correctly before moving onto instruction writing and character descriptions. We will be using a range of Julia Donaldson books to help us with our character descriptions and we will be reading 'The Boy who Grew Dragons' as our first class novel to help with our instruction writing. Our other class novel will be 'The Worst Witch' Book 1. In Maths, we will be looking at numbers up to 100 before starting on addition and subtraction.

Reading.

Reading is always a priority at Avondale. In our Guided Reading lesson, we will be reading a wide range of texts including fiction, non-fiction, play scripts, fact books and more. We will also be introducing the accelerated reading program to the children where they will be able to choose their own books and answer questions on the book to demonstrate their understanding. Children will be expected to read 5 times a week as a minimum and your support as parents in this will be greatly appreciated. Please ensure your child has their reading book in school every day.

Topic Learning

Our topic this half term is called '**Brooms and Beasts**'. In Science, we will be looking at life cycles of humans and animals. Our Geography lessons will take us to London to learn all about our capital city. In Design Technology, we will be making a wheeled vehicle to help Zog from a Julia Donaldson book. We will be learning about what makes us all unique and special in our PSHE lessons titled 'Being Me in my World'. In our RE lessons, we will be learning about caring for ourselves and others in our world and our computing lessons will see us learning how to use computers and the importance of Internet safety at all times.

