Riverside Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter for Families: Autumn 2 2026

Year Two

This half term our theme is...



Walter Tull



Welcome to the second half term of Year Two. The children have settled in well to the new routines and got off to a flying start! Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to continuing working together over this coming half-term.

We would like to take this opportunity to tell you all about the exciting half-term ahead. This newsletter is where you can find out all about what your child will be learning over the coming weeks, along with some ideas and suggestions for some activities you could try to support their learning at home.

What are we learning during this theme?

Our topic this half term is Walter Tull. He was a professional footballer and soldier during World War One. He had to give up his career as a footballer to help out in the war. We are learning about him as a significant person in history as he became the first black officer to lead white British soldiers into war.

As Scientists, we are exploring living things and their habitats. As artists, we are using technology to create digital art. In Design and Technology we are designing and making a healthy Christmas treat. We will be using lots of skills such as; cutting, slicing, squeezing and grating.



In PSHE, we will be learning how to respect ourselves and others.

As part of our No Outsiders programme Year 2 will be looking at **What the Jackdaw Saw** by Julia Donaldson and Nick Sharratt. The learning intention is 'To communicate in different ways'. This looks at the different ways we can communicate with others and how to use sign language as one method of communication.

In PE this half term, we will be focusing on dance and net and wall games. These lessons will be on a **Monday** for Seal and Dolphin and **Tuesday** for Lion.

Trips, Visitors and Experiences

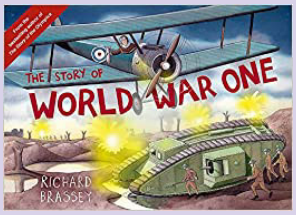
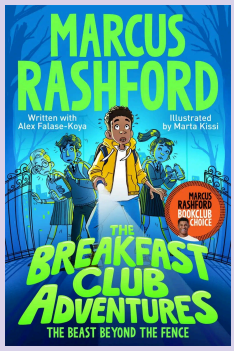
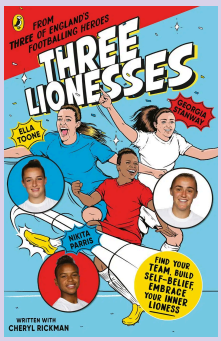
We will be taking a walk to our local memorial point on Hullbridge Road. Nearer the time, we will be asking for volunteers to join us on this walk.

We will be busy learning our Nativity to show to you all towards the end of the term.

How can you support your child at home?

Every week, please make sure you read together at least 5 times a week. There will be Spellings to learn and Maths activities to complete in their CGP homework book on alternate weeks. Your child also has access to Times Tables Rockstars which they can access and use to practise their times tables! We would love for the children to participate in our regular SumDog competitions, where they will have the chance to earn a certificate.

In addition to this, please find some suggestions below of how to support your child's learning:

Things to do:	Books to read:	Things to watch:
On Remembrance Sunday, watch the services on the television or take a walk to your local Memorial. Discuss the importance of Remembrance Sunday. Can your child create their own poppy and explain why we wear poppies? Walter Tull was a professional footballer. Your child could research their favourite football player and make a fact file about their life or career. Perhaps watch a local football match or one on television.	Why not pop to the local library and loan out some books that link to our theme? *Walter Tull's Scrapbook    	Who was Walter Tull? Walter Tull BBC Bitesize What is Remembrance Day? What is Remembrance Day? - BBC Bitesize