

History A) How have phones changed, and how do they change the way we talk today? We will explore how communication has changed over time, moving from pupils' lived experiences back to the invention of the telephone by Alexander Graham Bell. B) Why do we wear poppies, and why do we remember in November? We use the local environment in Wheathampstead to make abstract concepts like <i>Remembrance</i> and <i>Cause and Consequence</i> tangible for year 2.	Music - Hands , Feet and Heart / Christmas Production Pupils will have the opportunity to sing and play musically. They will develop their understanding of musical compositions and will play and perform in the Christmas Production.. They will listen to and appraise a range of music.		English Conservation stories-The Great Kapok Tree This term year 2 will be studying a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts. In Autumn 1 stories linking to our topic The Rainforest, looking closely at ‘The Great Kapok Tree’ by Lynne Cherry. This will lead to a number of exciting writing opportunities for the children including letters, story settings and our own rainforest adventure stories. Voyage -Man on the Moon They will focus on the story ‘Man on the Moon’ and learn how to use a range of punctuation in their information writing, discovering commas, speech marks and apostrophes. They will look closely at the four types of sentences: questions, exclamations, commands and statements. When it gets a little closer to Christmas we will be writing letters to Father Christmas. Little Wandle Phonics will be taught through our main English lessons as well as in discrete lessons.
Geography - Where is the United Kingdom in the world? We will be looking at tools to locate places on a globe, in an atlas and on a map. We will be investigating and exploring our country.	Computing - We are Detectives-Collecting Clues Pupils will develop confidence in logging on and off a computer and begin to locate letters on the keyboard. They will gain and develop skills in opening, composing and sending emails. We are astronauts- Programming on screen The children will be developing skills in creating simple programmes using a programmable toy, such as beebots		
Science Living things and their Habitats Our first topic will be looking at plants/animals which live in different habitats and micro habitats? Every day materials: Materials for different uses. Our second topic will be learning to identify and compare the suitability of different materials and their properties.	 Year 2 Curriculum Map Autumn 2026 		
	Art - Make a rainbow Pupils will study the work and use drawing, painting in the style of Paul Klee. They will develop their techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space.	RE Children will learn about Jewish beliefs and practices and will compare these with Christianity. They will learn about the story of Christmas.	Mathematics HfL Essential maths Fluency to 20 Place values Counting on and back Estimation and magnitude Finding compliments Add and subtract Money, comparisons and measure
	DT - Making biscuits Year 2 will design and bake their very own biscuits.	PSHCE Being Me in My World / Celebrating Difference See separate document	
How can you help at home? - Ask your child about their school day - what have you learnt today? (refer to the timetable attached) - Hear your child read aloud several times a week (at least 3) - Keep asking questions and discussing your children’s learning with them at home		Homework: - At least 3 reads a week - recorded in their reading record - Weekly phonics homework - Weekly maths homework - Optional homework grid to choose homework from all subjects.	