

Year 2  
**Week beginning - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Welcome back! We hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas break!  
Thank-you all so much for our generous Christmas presents!  
We are looking forward to a fabulous spring term in Year 2!

**English**

This week in English we will be looking at stories with recurring literary language. We will be thinking about how characters' actions and reactions relate to events in the story. We will focus on the sequence of events and the structure of a story. We will be reading 'The Smartest Giant in Town' by Julia Donaldson. We will be looking at noun phrases.

**What can you do at home to help your child?**

- Have you got any Julia Donaldson books at home? You could go to the library and borrow one! Read one of her books with a member of your family.  
This is one of Mrs Pedley's favourite Julia Donaldson books - Monkey Puzzle.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=do93X-agQDo>
- Watch the videos of teachers reading Julia Donaldson books in our Library on Google Classroom!
- Watch the video on noun phrases and complete the activities.  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zpd8ng8>

**Maths:**

This week in maths, we will be continuing to learn about shape. We will be using lines of symmetry to complete shapes. We will be sorting 2D shapes. We will be counting faces, edges and vertices of 3D shapes.

**What can you do at home to help your child?**

- Practise x2, x5 and x10 times tables.
- Try this game... [Karate Cats Maths](#)

**PSHE:**

This half term, we will be thinking about our dreams and goals.

**What can you do at home to help your child?**

- Have you made any New Year's resolutions? Do you have any goals for this term in Year 2? Talk to an adult about this.

**Spellings**

gnome	wrap
knight	knock
wriggle	write
knee	once
design	two

Spelling Test on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January