

The Year 2 Curriculum

2026-2027

In Year 2, your child will follow the National Curriculum, enriched through our connected and creative approach to learning. Our curriculum is carefully planned to build on prior knowledge, develop independence, and deepen understanding across all subjects. Learning is delivered through engaging topics, high quality texts and purposeful experiences, ensuring children achieve their full potential. Below is a summary of the key areas of learning your child will encounter throughout the year.



Religious Education

In Year 2, pupils follow The Vine and the Branches scheme alongside the new Catholic Religious Education Directory (RED). Through our topics Creation and Covenant, Prophecy and Promise, Gaililee to Jerusalem, Desert to Garden, Ends of the Earth and Dialogue and encounter the children will deepen their understanding of their Roman Catholic faith. They will enjoy reading many bible stories and discussing how they can help us follow in the footsteps of Jesus. They will enjoy performing our nativity whilst learning about Mary being chosen, the birth of Jesus and the visit of the wise men.

English

In English, we will be developing our writing skills to include a wide range of vocabulary, sentence types, adjectives and adverbs. We will be focusing on describing settings for stories based on ones we have read such as Journey, The Owl Who Was Afraid of The Dark, Dragon Machine, The Last Wolf and Grandad's Secret Giant. We will be writing diary entries for real events such as our school trips and for fictional events as if we were the character in the story. We will be focusing on improving our handwriting style and will develop pride in the presentation of our work across the curriculum.

Maths

In Year 2 we will be covering all elements of the curriculum with greatest time given to Number learning (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division) including understanding fractions and the properties of 3D shapes. We will use our number knowledge to solve problems and reason about answers. We will use statistics to produce bar charts to record results of our science experiments and use measuring in our DT lessons to help us make models.

Science

Our topics this year will include studying the life cycles of humans and plants and growing our own plants and vegetables from seed. We will investigate how humans need to eat a balanced diet and exercise to keep their bodies healthy. We will enjoy looking at the different habitats of the world and what animals and plants live there. Our learning will blend practical investigative science with knowledge building. We will carry out experiments during our materials topic to see which materials can bend, stretch, and twist and discuss how some materials can be a solid, liquid or a gas. Forest School will be an integral part of our science learning and will be greatly enhanced with our residential visit to Delamere Forest.

Computing

Our computing learning will focus on digital literacy as well as e-safety awareness. We will enjoy learning how to use Code to program an object to move across the screen. We will use spreadsheets to work out the answers to maths addition problems and branching databases to answer questions about a group of objects. We will use digital software to compose pieces of music and a wide range of digital artwork.

History

In History we will be learning about the history of transport and its development through time with a lovely visit to the Liverpool Museum. We will study the development of canal building around Ellesmere Port and enjoy a visit to the Boat Museum to look at artefacts such as narrow boats and the objects inside them. We will learn about what life was like on a sailing ship and experience a trip on the Liverpool Ferry. We will enhance our learning about famous explorers from the past such as Captain Cook, Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong by taking part in a drama workshop.

Geography

Our Geography topics will follow a path of looking at where we live initially in England and then moving outwards to see where that is in relation to the UK. We will expand our learning to then study a world map and in particular learn how to identify the 7 continents and the oceans and seas that surrounded them. We will investigate what is the same and different about the habitats, animals and plants on each continent. We will compare the natural and physical features of different locations e.g. seaside and a forest. Importantly we will develop an understanding of how we need to look after our world.

Physical Education

We will enjoy developing our ball skills through learning how to apply them to hockey, tennis and football-based activities. We will enjoy having a specialist coach to enhance our dance skills. We will build on our gymnastic skills and take part in agility

focused skills leading up to taking part in Sports Day. During our Delamare Residential visit, we will be participating in forest walking and team building activities.

Music

We will enjoy a wonderful range of musical experiences this year. We will be singing a wide range of songs all year and learn how to play percussion instruments and tuned instruments such as the glockenspiel and a recorder. We will learn how to compose and improve our own musical compositions to give impression of a mood and were also able to transfer our skills to compose music digitally on an iPad. This will lead up to a visit to the Liverpool Philharmonic to experience listening to a live Orchestra.

Art and Design

During DT we will be designing and making a moving vehicle, a healthy sandwich and a felt fish. In Art we will be using a wide range of media including watercolours, pastels and paint and will be focusing on developing our drawing skills to illustrate our work across the curriculum. We will study a variety of artists and create our own artwork based on their style including digitally created artwork based on Seurat and William Morris.



PSHE/RSE

We will be sharing a wide range of books to discuss topics that will help us to learn about how we should behave towards each other. The My Happy Mind Program will help us to develop our skills of communication, fairness, equality and understanding that not everybody is the same and that it is ok to be different.

