Northway Community Primary School

LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP IN YEAR 2 IN AUTUMN 2 2026

SUBJECT	TOPIC	FOCUS OF LEARNING
ENGLISH	READING FOCUS 	This half term we will study these texts: - Hansel and Gretel - At The Toy Shop
	WRITING FOCUS 	- Using adjectives to describe nouns - Past tense verbs, including those that don't follow the 'ed' pattern at the end - Conjunctions to link ideas
	SPELLING FOCUS 	This half term we will be using Read Write Inc. to help us to learn the following - the 'or' sound spelt 'a' before 'l' or 'll' - the soft 'c' sound - the suffix 'y'
MATHS	MULTPLICATION AND DIVISION	We will begin to learn our 2, 5- and 10-times tables. We will also revisit odd and even numbers. We will use arrays to help us to multiply and divide.
	FRACTIONS	We will find $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of shapes and amounts. We will begin to understand 1/3 and will find 1/3 of shapes and objects. We will use our fractions knowledge to help us to solve problems.
	POSITION & DIRECTION	We will create patterns and sequences and will be able to describe turns and movement.
SCIENCE	EVERYDAY MATERIALS AND THEIR PROPERTIES	We will identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses. We will also find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.
HISTORY	TOYS AND FRANK HORNBY	We will be learning about how toys have changed over time. We will also focus on the influence of local toy-maker Frank Hornby who was born in Maghull in 1863. We will learn that he was famous for inventing Hornby Model railways, Dinky vehicle models and Meccano construction kits. Hornby toys were sold all over the world and we will find out how they changed the way toys were made and played with.
COMPUTING	WHAT IS A COMPUTER?	We will learn about computers and their different parts. We will learn new digital skills as we work with text and images. We will also create algorithms and programs using Scratch Jr, looking at debugging simple sequence errors in a program.

DT	**MOVING PICTURES – CHRISTMAS CARDS**	In DT, we will learn about levers and sliders. We will evaluate existing products and design our own Christmas scene which will include sliders and levers.
PE	**JUMPING AND LANDING** **STATIC BALANCE - SEATED** **SOCIAL SKILLS**	Following the real PE scheme, we will be learning jumping and landing skills, such as jumping from 2 feet to 2 feet forwards, backwards and from side to side. We will also be looking at standing on a line and jumping from 2 feet to 1 foot, freezing on landing. We will look at static balances which will include balancing whilst picking up a cone from one side, swapping hands and placing it on the other side. This term will also place focus on social skills, including helping, praising and encouraging others as well as working sensibly with others taking turns and sharing.
PSHE	**RELATIONSHIPS/ FEELINGS AND EMOTIONS**	We will be learning about relationships, feelings and emotions. We will know who we can talk to if we are concerned or worried about things. We will discuss differences and respecting the rights of others. We will discuss different types of families and friendships. We will understand that our body is private.
MUSIC	**CHRISTMAS SINGING**	This half term the children will be learning a variety of traditional Christmas songs. Through this, children will develop a sense of beat by performing actions to music, as well as moving freely and expressively to music. Children will then perform with their peers to a wider audience.
RE	**HOW AND WHY DO WE CELEBRATE SPECIAL AND SACRED TIMES?**	We will be learning about how and why people celebrate special and sacred times, focusing on how Christians celebrate Christmas and Muslims celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr. Through art, drama and music, we will explore the significance of these celebrations to Christians and Muslims and identify some of the ways these events are celebrated, exploring why these festivals are important to believers.