

Geography

Our geography focus is Australia. We will be learning about the features of an island, climate and temperature in Australia, typical jobs for people living in Australia, how the continent is split into territories. We will also be learning all about Christmas in Australia and comparing similarities and differences to how we celebrate. Finally, we will celebrate with an Australia day and investigate some of their cultural norms.

Art/ DT – Miss Connah

We will be learning about Aboriginal art. The children will learn how to cross hatch, create x-ray and naturalistic style paintings, paint in the Aboriginal dot style, creating their own boomerang designs.

We will also be learning the technique of batik and designing a whole-class batik project to decorate our classroom.

In Design & Technology we will be learning how to sew a running stitch and sew a button – we can't wait to share our creations at the end of the term.

RE

RE this term is all about Humanism. The children will be learning about what Humanism is; their beliefs; special events and celebrations; and how others should be treated.

Music – Mrs Hayes

In our Music lessons, the children will be creating pieces of music based on myths & legends. They will be working in groups, maintaining steady beats, writing rhythms and listen to their peers' music. During the second half term, the children will be learning all about pitch, exploring the song 'Once a Man Fell in a Well', playing percussion instruments and reading symbols to represent pitch.

PE

This term, the children will be focusing on tennis skills. They will have the opportunity to play tennis on the courts next door to school (after the half term). We will also be practising for sport's day and completing lots of athletics, as well as striking and field games, such as rounders.

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Science – Miss Connah

This term, our focus is plants.

In class, we will be learning about what different plants need to survive. We will be planning our own seeds and bulbs, creating an investigation to see which 'climate' suits the needs of our plants the best.

The children will be completing a diary of what happens at each stage of growth.

Wellbeing/ PSHE

This term, within Jigsaw, we will be learning about relationships. These include family relationships, creating friendships and keeping safe. We will also be investigating how we change from young to old, learning about body parts and thinking about our next steps in to KS2.

Computing – Mrs Hayes

During the first half term, the children will be using iPads to create music. They will be focusing on rhythms, patterns and editing music they have made. During the second half term, they will be using Scratch to design, change, create and evaluate a program.

Maths

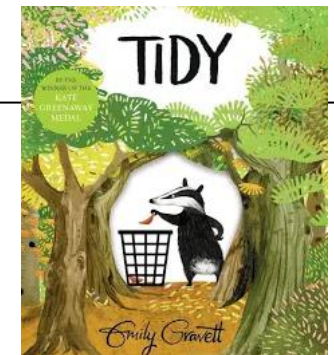
Multiplication & division – we will continue to work on multiplication and division, focusing on 2s, 5s and 10s.

Measurement – we will be measuring in grams, kilograms, millilitres and litres.

Fractions – we will be finding equal and unequal parts, finding half, quarters and thirds. The children will learn about unit fractions and non-unit fractions as well as learning to recognise equivalent fractions.

Time – the children will learn to tell the time to the hour, half past, quarter past & quarter to the hour and to tell the time in 5-minute intervals.

We will finish the year with lots of active **statistics** and **position & direction** maths.



Literacy

Our class texts this term are **Tidy** and **Grandad's Secret Giant**. This term, we will be writing lists, instructions, diary entries, stories, developing our vocabulary, beginning to edit our writing. We will be focusing on using apostrophes for possession and for contractions. As part of our SPaG work, we will be using the suffixes -er and -est as well as learning about homophones. This term, we will be completing daily handwriting to learn how to join different letters together.

Reading

Our phonics or comprehension sessions will happen daily. Children are heard reading within every session. Books will be changed on a Friday.

Year 2

Summer Newsletter

April 2026



Dear Parents,

Reading

Children should be continuing their reading each evening at home and comments from adults and the children themselves are welcomed in their reading diary. The requirements to achieve for the End of Key Stage 1 standard needs pace, fluency and stamina for reading. We will continue to read daily in school, within comprehension & phonics lessons.

Homework

Homework will be sent home weekly on a Friday and will continue to be our Maths homework books. As we cover new spelling patters, I will also share these with you, if you choose to practise at home.

PE

PE sessions will now be on a **Monday** and **Wednesday**. We will be outside for our PE lessons as much as possible so children need suitable footwear, joggers or leggings if it is chilly and shorts for the warmer days. **Please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings are removed/ covered with tape for safety.**

Showing Boxes

We will be continuing with the showing boxes and table points into our summer term as this has been very popular with the children.

Water Bottles

Fresh water bottles are needed daily so please ensure the children have it with them every day. Children keep their water bottles on their table for easy access and constant reminders to keep hydrated.

Thank you,

Mrs McCallum & Miss Connah