



# YEAR 2

## SUMMER 2026 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

For all the essential information about what we will learn during this term.

### English

#### The Last Wolf

- Use subordination (if, because)
- Add -er and -est to adjectives
- Use homophones and near homophones
- Use punctuation correctly including apostrophes for contracted forms

#### Grandad's Secret Giant

- Use present and past tense correctly and consistently including the progressive form
- Use subordination (using when, if, that or because) and coordination (using or, and, but)
- Use expanded noun phrases to describe and specify
- Add suffixes to spell longer words (e.g add -ment, -ful)

### Art

- Know that graffiti is an art form
- Know that Banksy is an anonymous graffiti artist from Bristol
- Know that Banksy expresses his opinions through his art
- Know that different media can be used together to create different effects

### Modern Foreign Languages

#### Spanish

- Recap greetings
- Recap counting to 20
- Recap asking someone's name and age

### Mathematics

#### Introduce fractions notation $\frac{1}{2}$ , $\frac{1}{4}$ , $\frac{1}{3}$

- Find and name  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$  of objects, shapes and amounts
- Find  $\frac{2}{3}$ ,  $\frac{2}{4}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$  of shapes, objects and amounts

#### Time

- Tell the time to the o'clock, half past, quarter past, quarter to
- Tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes
- Know the number of minutes in 1 hour and hours in 1 day
- Compare and sequence intervals of time

#### Statistics

- Tally charts
- Frequency tables
- Block diagrams
- Pictograms
- Problem solving

#### Position and Direction

- Describe position, direction and movement
- Describe rotation as turns
- Describe patterns and sequences

### Computing

- Know that a digital photos can be taken on different devices
- Know how to retrieve and save photos as well as delete the ones I do not want
- Know that there are different apps which can be used to edit photos
- Know that the same photo can be used in different ways with different effects and backgrounds

## Religious Education

### Judaism

- Know that Jews follow Judaism and believe in one God
- Know that their holy book is the Torah.
- Know that they worship at home and in a synagogue
- Know that their special day is Shabbat- (Friday at 6pm to Sat at sundown)
- Know that they light candles and eat special food to remember how God has helped them
- Know that Jewish believers use special celebrations to remember times in their history
- Know that Hanukah celebrations remember when the temple was given back to the Jewish people for worship
- Know that Purim celebrates how Esther saved the Jewish people from Haman
- Know that Everlasting light and Hanukkah represent the presence of God to Jewish believers
- Know that the Temple in Jerusalem has not been used since AD70. Jews worship in a Synagogue

## History

- Know that the Eastgate clock was built in 1897 to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee
- Know that John Douglas designed the Eastgate Clock
- John Douglas was born in Cheshire in 1830 and died in Chester 1911
- Know that John Douglas also designed other buildings in Chester

## Physical Education

- Consistently apply the correct technique for jumping
- Accurately apply their jumping skills in combination and also within games
- Develop their running technique for short and long distances
- Use a bat safely to strike (hit) their ball
- Hit the into space, directing the ball away from fielders
- Understand why it is so important to hit the ball into space and apply this understanding as the outwit their opponents

## Design Technology

- Explore a range of existing freestanding structures in the school and local environment e.g. everyday products and buildings
- Select appropriate materials for their structure
- Know how to make structures stronger, stiffer and more stable

## Music

- Know that musical instruments can be used to create 'real life' sound effects
- Know that woodwind instruments, like flutes, are played by blowing air into or across a mouthpiece
- Know that stringed instruments, like violins, make a sound when their strings vibrate.
- Know that a brass instrument is played by vibrating your lips against the mouthpiece
- Know that some tuned instruments have a lower range of pitches and some have a higher range of pitches

## Local Visits You Could Do

- Have a look around Chester at the different buildings. We will be learning about John Douglas who built, amongst other things, the Eastgate clock and a terrace of houses on Grosvenor Park

## Science

### Plants and seeds

- Know that plants may grow from either seeds or bulbs
- Know that seeds germinate and grow into seedlings which then continue to grow into mature plants
- Know that mature plants may have flowers which then develop into seeds, berries, fruits
- Know that seeds and bulbs need to be planted outside at particular times of year and they will germinate and grow at different rates
- Know that some plants are better suited to growing in full sun and some grow better in partial or full shade. Plants need different amounts of water and space to grow well and stay healthy

## Geography

- Know that there are both physical and human geography features in my locality and describe some of these
- Know that an area can be represented in different ways - e.g. aerial photo, maps
- Know some physical features of my locality
- Know some human features of my locality
- Know some ways my locality differs from another locality

## Homework

- Homework is set on a Thursday
- Your child will receive Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Maths (alternating weekly)
- It is due back to school on a Tuesday where it will be marked
- Your child is expected to read 5 times each week

## Personal, Social, Health & Relationships Education

### Rights and Respect

- Knowing how we can look after the school environment
- Know that we have choices about how we use money and that we can save money for the future
- Know that we can spend on essential and non-essential things
- Appreciate the importance of keeping track of the money they have
- Understand how to record money they have and money they have spent
- Recognise and understand the value of money in our society
- Appreciate that money allows us to purchase goods and services

### Relate (My Happy Mind)

- Learning how we can have good relationships with others
- Learning about the reactions of others
- Learning how Happy Breathing can help with relationships

### Being My Best

- Know about simple hygiene routines and how vaccinations can help prevent some illnesses
- Explain how we can look after our teeth
- Explain how we can encourage each other with learning

### Engage (My Happy Mind)

- Know what we can do to feel good and do good
- Know what it means to set a goal and to stay focused on it

## PE and Forest School

- PE Days are Tuesday and Wednesday
- There is no Forest School this term

## Learning Beyond The Classroom

- Trip to Park Hall Farm
- A walk around Chester to look at the architecture of John Douglas and a picnic in Grosvenor Park

## Useful Websites

- [www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=KS1+maths+money](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=KS1+maths+money)
- [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zp8dmp3](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zp8dmp3)
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## Upcoming dates:

- 27th April: Summer Term Clubs begin
- 4th May: Bank Holiday (School closed to pupils)
- 8<sup>th</sup> May: Team 2C Assembly 2.30pm (Families welcome)
- 19<sup>th</sup> May: Non-uniform Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> May: PTA Reception and KS1 Disco 3.20pm-4.30pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> May: Hotdog Day (change to usual school dinner menu)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Inset Day (School closed to pupils)
- 23rd-31st May: School Holidays
- 1st June: Inset Day (School closed to pupils)
- 3rd June: Year 2 Architecture Study Walk to Chester City Centre
- 12th June: PTA Summer Fair 3.30pm-5.30pm (Families welcome)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June-10<sup>th</sup> July: Swimming Lessons
- 26th June: Team 2K Assembly 2.30pm (Families welcome)
- 3rd July: Park hall Farm Trip and School Sleepover (details TBC)
- 13-17<sup>th</sup> July: Sports Days (year group days tbc)
- 17th July: Year 2 Graduation Service at All Saints' Church 9.45am (Families welcome)
- 21<sup>st</sup> July: Colour Run 3.45pm
- 23rd July-31st August: School Holidays

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