

Year 2 Autumn 2 Overview

In **Reading into Writing** we will begin the half term focusing on writing a letter as a soldier from the trenches using our knowledge of World War 1.

We will also be writing a Christmas story themed around the John Lewis advert 'Excitable Edgar.' We will use lots of descriptive language to describe characters and the different settings throughout the advert.

Our dedicated author this year is Roald Dahl and our book for this half term is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.



In **History** we will be beginning to look at World War 1.

We will be exploring key dates that the War took place and thinking about what life was like in the trenches. We will focus on conditions such as: food, living conditions, medical treatment and free time.

In **Music**, we will be focusing on pulse, rhythm and pitch using the story of Little Red Riding Hood. Throughout the half term, we will explore what these terms mean and identify them in a variety of pieces of music as well as composing our own rhythms.



In **Maths** we will start by focusing on addition and subtraction. We will use our place value knowledge from Autumn 1 to add and subtract two, two-digit numbers.

Our KIRF focus will be to know the multiplication and division facts for the 10 times tables. Key instant recall facts help with all areas of maths so it's important we are fluent recalling these key facts.



In **PE** we will be developing our fundamental skills including: throwing, catching, running and jumping.

With the Year 2 teachers, we will do dance. We will link this to the movement of animals and we will learn a dance based on The Lion King.

Please bring your PE kit every day!

In **PSHE** we will be looking at how to keep ourselves and others safe. We will have a visit from the Fire Brigade and think about the role they have in our community. We will also explore feelings and emotions as well as valuing difference.

In **Science** we will be learning about animals including humans. We will learn about what animals and humans need to survive and how we can care for pets in order to help them thrive.

We will also look at how we can maintain a healthy lifestyle through diet and exercise.

Finally, we will learn about germs, how they spread and how good hygiene can help.

In **RE**, our focus will be Christianity and Jesus. Throughout the topic, we will explore the key question 'Why do Christians say that Jesus is the light of the world?' We will discuss key beliefs as well as search for personal meaning and how it relates to our own lives.



In **Art**, we will be exploring expressive painting.

Throughout the unit, we will be exploring primary and secondary colours through mark making and texture.

We will also explore brush work using artists as inspiration to create a painting linked to our History topic of Remembrance.