

Year 2 Autumn 1 Overview

In **Reading into Writing** we will begin the year focusing on sentence structure and using punctuation accurately.

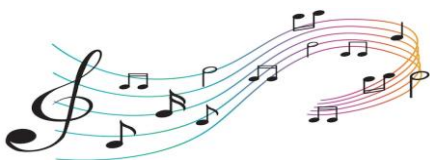
We will also be using the stories of the Gruffalo and the Stickman to develop our descriptive language. We will focus on writing adjectives, expanded noun phrases and punctuating our sentences.

Our dedicated author this year is Roald Dahl and our book for this half term is Fantastic Mr. Fox.

In **Design Technology** we will be using textiles to design and create a puppet that could be used to retell a story.

We will be experimenting with joining materials and developing the skill of a running stitch. We will plan and evaluate our products, thinking carefully about what went well and what we could improve next time.

In **Music**, we will be focusing on pulse, rhythm and pitch. 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 number and place value. We will learn to identify numbers to 100. As well as this we will order and compare numbers to 100.

We will also be learning to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes.

Our KIRF focus will be to know number bonds to 20.



In **PE** we will be developing our Gymnastics skills focusing on spinning and turning.

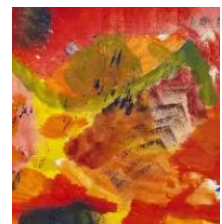
Please ensure that your PE kit is in school every day!

In **PSHE** we will be looking at the importance of taking part. We will identify the benefits of taking part and giving our maximum effort at all times. We will discuss how we can overcome the feelings we have when we don't want to take part.

In **Science** we will be learning about Everyday Materials and their uses. We will be investigating a variety of materials and we will test them to see what properties they have. We will investigate what makes materials suitable for their purpose.

We will also start to learn about seasonal changes and what we notice as the season changes.

In **RE**, our focus will be Christianity and God. Our key question for the half term will be 'Does it matter how we treat the world?' As well as looking at Christian beliefs around the question, we will think about our own thoughts and beliefs on how the world should be treated.



In **Art**, we will be looking at expressive painting. We will learn how to mix colours and we will identify how brush work is used in expressive painting.

We will explore the work of Van Gogh and Cezanne and use them as inspiration for our own creations.