



Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Maths

During this term, we will focus on place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division.

During our fluency sessions, we will be developing a secure understanding of numbers. Children will learn to read, write, and compare numbers while building confidence in addition, subtraction, and early multiplication through the use of practical resources, pictures, and visual representations.

We're excited to continue our weekly Maths for Life session. This Autumn term, we'll be focusing on the practical and essential skills of time and money, helping our children see the real-life value of maths in everyday situations.



Science

We will begin by learning about living things and their habitats. Children will learn about a variety of habitats and the plants and animals that live there. They will learn to tell the difference between things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive. During Autumn 2 we will be developing our understanding about animals including humans, where we will learn about lifecycles and the basic needs for survival as well as the importance of exercise and nutrition for humans.



English

This term, our English lessons will be linked around a range of fiction books. Children will be completing a character description, a retell and a setting description. Key skills to help them improve their writing will be taught, including how to form different types of sentences (statement, question, command and exclamation).

We will be looking at techniques to extend sentences and how to add detail. They will learn about subordinating conjunctions (because, when, if, that), coordinating conjunctions (and, but, so, or) and expanded noun phrases.





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PE

In PE, children will develop their physical skills through a range of engaging activities. They will build their health-related fitness by improving their strength, stamina, balance, and coordination. Through fundamentals and ball skills, children will practise running, jumping, throwing, catching, and controlling a ball with increasing confidence and accuracy. They will also take part in team-building activities, learning the importance of communication, cooperation, problem-solving, and working together to achieve shared goals.



RE

This term, our Religious Education curriculum follows the SACRE Agreed Syllabus, which focuses on deep reflections, personal values, and exploring faith traditions.

Through the Autumn units, the children will explore how different faiths such as Islam and Sikhism answer big questions about identity, communities and beliefs. We will use sacred texts, role-play, and artefacts to bring these concepts to life!



PSHE & RSE

During this term, the children will take part in the Jigsaw units 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating Differences', where children build confidence, understand their place in the classroom, and learn that being different is something to be happy about. They learn to respect themselves, value others, and stop unkind behaviour.





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History

Our History topic this term focuses on the lives of significant individuals from the past.

The children will be stepping back in time to study Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. Through their inspiring stories, the children will develop their historical inquiry skills and explore how the past impacts our lives today.



Geography

Children will be taught about the distribution of hot and cold places in the world and how living things have to adapt to survive in such places. By comparing a number of environments, pupils will be able to identify and describe similarities and differences between places in the world and offer reasons for why such differences exist.

Computing

Children will explore what makes a computer work by identifying its different parts, learning about inputs and outputs, and discovering how computers help us in everyday life. The children will also take their first steps into programming by creating and following simple algorithms, predicting outcomes, and debugging mistakes. Through a range of practical, hands-on activities, they will build their confidence in logical thinking, problem-solving, and using technology safely and creatively.





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Art

In Art, children will explore the vibrant style of Tinga Tinga art, inspired by the colourful paintings of East Africa. They will experiment with colour mixing to create a range of shades and tones, developing their understanding of how artists use colour to add depth and impact. Using a variety of painting techniques, the children will then apply these skills to produce their own bold and imaginative Tinga Tinga-inspired artwork.



Music

Our music curriculum this half-term is packed with rhythm, melody, and performance! The children will be developing their fundamental musicianship skills, connecting what they learn in the classroom directly to our upcoming Christmas performance.



Design & Technology

This term, the children will be designing and making their very own animal finger puppet. They will develop their sewing skills as they learn simple stitching techniques, join fabric safely, and add creative details to bring their puppet to life.





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Additional Information



What can you do at home to help?

Homework - Please help your child complete their weekly Writing task or Maths.co.uk activity and Family Maths Activities.

Practise weekly spellings, Year 2 Common Exception Words and handwriting (focusing on correct formation and size).

Ensure your child is reading at least 3 times a week and record this in their reading records. To help them further you could ask them questions about what they are reading.



- Stunning start - Crack the Code activity
- Fantastic finish - Safari Park trip
- PE - Tuesdays and Fridays. PE kits are to be kept in school
- Outdoor learning- Remembrance crafts
- Homework- will be set weekly. Children will have weekly spellings, reading and will be set a weekly Writing task or Maths.co.uk activity/Family Maths Activities