

English

Writing- The children in RWI groups will continue their reading, writing and spelling activities within these groups. This teaches letters and sounds, blending for reading and segmenting for spelling, as well as handwriting, reading comprehension, grammar and writing composition skills. The remaining year 2 children will complete English lessons with Miss Green. This term this group will be looking at developing their story writing skills through an animal adventure story- 'Mossop's Last Chance.' They will also complete persuasive leaflet writing and later in the term we will be writing poems, reports and stories linked to the 'The Highway Rat.' Grammar activities will be continued to be taught daily with weekly focuses on punctuation, use of different conjunctions and tenses.

Spellings/Phonics- These are practised daily in school and spelling lists and sounds books (phonics groups) will be sent home each week and tested every Friday. Please practise these with your child as often as possible.

Handwriting- Year 1 will continue to be taught to correct letter formation and Year 2 will continue to learn how to join letters.



Swimming- Please see letter sent via School Spider regarding the days your child is swimming and send in the appropriate kit.

PE and Dance- Lessons will be on **Mondays and Thursdays** every week. This term we are focusing on athletics and striking and fielding activities. The children will be learning different routines in dance lessons with Mrs Denton linking to our topics. **Please ensure that your child has their indoor and outdoor PE kit in school, every week. If your child has plain stud earrings these need to be either removed or tape provided to cover them during sessions.**

Music- We will be learning to listen, appraise and compose music on glockenspiels through our new unit 'Hey You!' This term we will also be continuing to look at great composers by listening to works Mid-20th Century composer Copland.



This topic plan is an outline of the learning planned for your child this term, so you can if you wish enhance learning in school, at home. Please note it may be changed as learning is influenced and directed by the children in lessons.



RE- Our first unit 'Galilee to Jerusalem' focuses on Jesus' life from his birth to his presentation at the Temple, his childhood and then adult life as he began his journey towards beginning his mission. The next unit 'Desert to Garden,' will bring us to the conclusion of the life of Jesus. Within this unit we will learn about the Liturgical season of Lent and about the last week of Jesus' life, his death



Reading- Guided reading sessions are completed daily in class. Please continue to listen to your child read **every day- it is so important to their development!** Please record the pages your child has read in their home school records. Each child will receive a team point for reading and if they read 3 or more times a week, we could be in with the chance of achieving the 'Class Reader Award!' Reading books are changed on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. Please spread these out over the week- your child also has access to additional books such as their library book and on Purple Mash if you want to read these too. (Purple Mash login details are in your child's home school record)

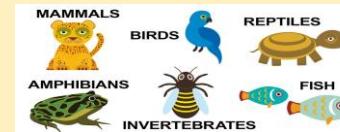
Class 2 Spring Topic Plan Let's Explore!

History- This term we will be learning about several Significant Explorers such as Neil Armstrong and Felicity Aston.



Geography- We will be learning about and naming the seven continents and world oceans developing our knowledge of the world and map reading skills.

Science- This half term we will compare and describe different animal characteristics, sorting them into groups such as fish, amphibians, mammals, reptiles and birds. We will also learn about and compare different animal structure and those which are either carnivores, herbivores or omnivores. Next half term we will be learning about growing plants.



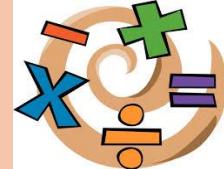
Nature- The children will be participating in nature walks; woodland observations and 'Forest Schools' sessions approximately every three weeks. You will be notified via School Spider- **please ensure they have the appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear with them.**

Key Dates- Health & Wellbeing Day Fri 13 Feb, World Book Day 5 March, Enrichment Week 9 March, Cl2 St Joseph's Penny 23 March, Holy Week 30 March.

Mathematics

This term we will be focusing on the following areas:

Number and Place Value
Addition and Subtraction
Fractions
Statistics
Capacity, Volume, Mass and Weight
Counting and Money
Time
Multiplication and Division
2D and 3D shape



By the end of year 2, children are expected to recall their 2-, 5- and 10-times tables facts. This half term we will be focusing on 2 times table facts and later we will start recapping all the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Please practise these facts at home and TT Rock Star logins are in the front of their diaries along with a list of the tables in the back.

Busy Learning- The children will continue to have access to continuous provision activities called 'Busy Learning.' These will be incorporated into lessons and given as extension tasks to develop the children's learning using practical resources and challenges. We have a maths area, creative art/junk modelling area, 'Funky Fingers' area, creative writing station, role play and a village shop/home corner in class. The children will also have access to activities in our outside area too.

Computing- The children will be exploring Purple Mash to learn about 'Effective Searching' and internet safety.

PSHE/RSHE- We will be continuing our 'Behaviour Curriculum' each week, please see the newsletter each week for our weekly focus and chat with your child about their understanding at home. In the second half term we will start our 'Live Life to the Full' RSHE units for year 1 and year 2.

Art/DT- We will be focusing on collage looking at the work of Henri Matisse and creating our own versions of 'The Snail.' In DT we will be focusing on 'wind up' construction.



Homework- Your child is expected to read for at least 10 mins every day and they will be given weekly spellings/sounds to practise too. English/Maths homework will commence on Wednesday 7th Jan. Spelling Review tests are on Fri 9 Jan and new spellings will be given out on this day.