

Over the next term, Year 2 Will be studying a range of topics which will be taught through focus weeks.

English

In our English lessons, we are following The Write Stuff units of work. Our first unit is narrative/fiction and we will be writing a narrative based on Little Red Reading Hood by Lucy Rowland. We will be using past and present tense, lots of exciting adjectives, adverbs and sentence starters alongside practising a range of punctuation such as commas in lists, question marks and inverted commas (speech marks). Our second text will be a poetry one, where we will be exploring rhythm and choosing the best words for effect as well as alliteration and similes.

In Year 2, children will either be having VIPERS sessions or Phonics sessions. VIPERS sessions focus on the Vocabulary in books, Inference (clues in the text), Predicting, Explaining, Retrieving evidence and Summarising texts. This helps the children gather a deeper understanding of the texts they are reading. Please read as much as you can with your child at home, this doesn't need to always be their school book.

Maths

This term in maths, we will be focusing on the areas of Shape, Fractions, Length and Height. We will be looking at finding fractions of shapes, numbers and objects, learning the names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes and measuring length and height and solving problems based on these topics. We will also continue basic skills in our arithmetic sessions.

Every Friday we will be having an arithmetic lesson, focusing on basic number skills. Please help your child at home by practicing counting g in 2s, 5s and 10s,, learning number bonds to 20 and rapid recall of the 2, 5 and 10 x tables.



Year 2

Our Learning Journey

Spring Term
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Science

This term our Science topic is Plants.

We will look at the parts of plants what they do, the conditions needed for growing plants and watch plants and seeds grow over time.

We will also be carrying out simple experiments, displaying and discussing the results.

New Vocabulary:

Seed A seed is the part of a plant which can grow into a new plant.

Legume A legume is a type of dry fruit. Legumes can be a variety of fruits: peas and beans are types of legumes. .

Germinate- Germination is the phase of plant growth when the seed begins to sprout (into a seedling).

Seedling -When the seed is ready to develop, it needs water, air and warmth but not sunlight to become a seedling

Topic

In History, we will be learning about the development of communication through the ages, looking at carrier pigeons, printing presses through to modern day emails

In Geography we will be looking at Seaside features, learning about the difference and similarities between coast and inland areas and locate British Seaside resorts.

New Vocabulary:

Seaside -A place by the sea that is usually a beach area or holiday resort (the sea is the large body of salty water).

Beach -A pebbly or sandy shore

Coast -The land along or nearby the sea.

PE

Children will have PE lessons on **Mondays and Fridays**. This term we will be focusing on dance and gymnastics.

Please remember to have your PE kit in school at all times as there may be occasions where PE lessons have to be moved to a different day. Long hair should be tied back. Please remember bangles, bracelets and rings should not be worn in school. They can be a distraction to learning, get lost or stolen and are dangerous when the children are out on the playground. ALL jewellery must be removed for PE lessons for health and safety reasons.

Art

We will be using a variety of materials to create light, dark, and other effects when drawing to create effective and detailed pieces. We will also be experimenting with paint, mixing colours and using the work of Wassily Kandinsky as inspiration.

DT

We will use templates and joining techniques to create a mail bag to link in with our History topic.

Computing

Children will be taught a number of key ICT skills linked to creating effective pictures and saving our work.

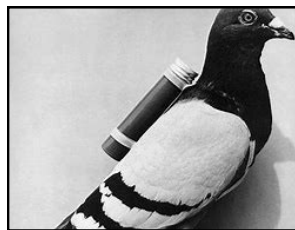
We will also learn about how to **stay safe online**. Please ensure that this is reinforced at home if children have access to devices where the internet can be accessed.

PSHE

In our Jigsaw topics we will be celebrating differences and thinking about how to be healthy.

RE

In RE we will be thinking about what makes a place special—looking at and learning about places of worship and why they are special.



Homework

Reading at home: We would like reading books and diaries in school EVERY DAY and would expect that your child reads at home **daily**. Please aim to sign their diaries at least 3 times each week. Remember they don't have to only read books.

Poetry recital: Each half term children will be given 2 poems to learn at home. They must be able to recite the poem without any mistakes and answer questions to demonstrate their understanding of content, techniques and vocabulary. This helps improve children's skills of speaking clearly and slowly as well as enhancing their imagination and vocabulary range—this improves their writing. Poetry often comes up in year 6 SATs so it is imperative that they are familiar with a range of different types of poetry, techniques and structures.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Davies and Miss Weaver

