

Over the next term, Year 2 will be studying a range of topics which will be taught through focus weeks. Here you will find a brief introduction to subjects studied and useful links and advice to support your child this year.

### English

In our English lessons, we are exploring different genres of writing in both fiction and non-fiction. Our first unit will be narrative and we will be working on 'The Bear and the Piano'. We will be retelling stories, creating instructions, creating our own characters and own narratives. We will be focusing on using different adjectives, sentence starters and interesting vocabulary alongside basic punctuation such as capital letters, full stops, exclamation and question marks, commas in lists and apostrophes. We will then use our topic work to write recounts and non-chronological reports.

In Year 2, children will either be having Reading sessions or Phonics sessions. Reading 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 Place Value. We will be looking at the value of number, numbers up to 100, learning to partition numbers and solving word 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 in 2s, 5s and 10s, learning number bonds to 20 and rapid recall of the 2, 5 and 10 x tables.

**New Vocabulary: 100, 10s, 1s, numeral, partition, flexible partitioning, counting up, counting back.**



# Year 2

## Our Learning Journey

Autumn Term  
2025

### Curriculum

#### **Geography – The UK**

In our UK topic, children will learn about the different countries in the UK and the physical and human features within these areas. We will also be looking at the capital cities of the UK, the sea that surrounds the UK and using the four different compass points to give directions!

**New Vocabulary: countries, cities, physical feature, human feature.**

#### **History: Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale**

In this unit children will learn about two significant people, Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale, the significant people, events from this period. Children will learn about what their life was like, why they are significant and the impact they had on society.

**New Vocabulary: significance, Crimean War, impact, role model.**

#### **Art: Drawing fruit: Giuseppe Arcimboldo**

This term, year 2 will be exploring the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo and using different drawing tools such as charcoal, pencils and pastels. We will be using different tones, shades and textures to sketch real life fruit using simple shapes.

#### **Design technology: Puppets**

Throughout the topic children will be taught a range of techniques and skills as well as creating some fantastic pieces of work.

#### **Science: Animals including humans**

In Science our topic will be Animals including humans. We will be learning about what animals and humans need to grow, classifying different groups of animals and learning about habitats and biomes. We will also be carrying out experiments, predicting, recording and analysing results.

**New Vocabulary: classify, herbivore, omnivore, carnivore, living things, groups.**

## PE

Children will have PE lessons on **Wednesdays and Thursdays**. This term our PE will be **team building** and **cheerleading**.

**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.

## Computing

Children will be taught a number of key ICT skills linked to creating and saving their work as well as coding. 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 PHSE our topic will be Being Me in my World. We will learn about rewards and consequences, the importance of everyone and how to be the best version of ourselves, Children will be discussing what makes us unique and special. We will also be developing our understanding on our rights and responsibilities. PSHE is a great opportunity to pupils to discuss their thoughts and spark debates!

## RE

In RE lessons we will be learning about 'Islam'. We will be developing our understanding on The Quran, Mosques, Muslim Festivals like Eid and The Prophet Muhammed. It's going to be a fascinating journey filled with discoveries and excitement! We'll be using pictures, stories and activities to help us understand the Islamic faith. The children will have plenty of opportunities to ask questions and share thoughts with their peers.



## 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 school books.

## KSI end of Key Stage Assessments

Year 2 will complete their assessments throughout June., but assessment at the end of Year2 is teacher assessment. To help your child please-

Read with your child everyday– ask them questions about what they have read, can they predict what will happen next? Can they retell the story so far?

Practise addition and subtraction– ways to make 10/20/100– column addition and subtraction, missing numbers

Practise multiplication and division– times tables– 2,5,10, and related division facts– quickly and fast recall.

When writing with your child make sure you remind them to use capital letters and full stops, exclamation marks, question marks, commas in lists and apostrophes for contraction and possession,.

Please practise reading and writing the Year 2 common exception words (in the school diary)

**Thank you for your support.**

**Miss Mayner, Miss Weaver, Mrs Jones and Miss Phillips.**

