

English

In English, our first Talk 4 Writing focus will be story writing with a pirate theme! Children will also write character descriptions and instructions. The children will be encouraged to develop their independence in writing and perseverance when writing at length. During the second term the children will be exploring celebrations through letter writing.

In addition to our English lessons, we will also be having focused handwriting sessions where we will help the children develop their cursive handwriting skills and GPS (Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation) sessions. This is where we will be teaching the children about sentence structure, word types, punctuation, text structure and vocabulary. Look out for the spellings we will be sending home!



Maths

In Maths we will be looking at number and place value. The children will be focusing on developing these skills with numbers to 100. We will also be looking at addition and subtraction and teaching the children calculation strategies when working with two digit numbers. In term two we will explore multiplication and division. We will particularly focus on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.



Science

Our topic for Science in the first term is 'Materials'. We will use our investigation skills to identify, classify, and investigate properties while we compare materials. During the second term we will be learning about the basic needs of animals and studying animals and their offspring.

Geography and History

During the first term we will be developing our geographical locational knowledge. We will be naming and locating the 7 continents and 5 oceans. In term two we will move on to a History topic researching significant individuals from the past including Guy Fawkes.



Design and Food Technology

In Design Technology we will learn to create books with moving parts linked to our learning in Science. We will use levers, sliders and pivots to make the animals in our books move in different ways.

Art

During the first term in Art we will be exploring textiles and the work of Kaffe Fassett. During the second term we will be focusing on digital art inspired by the work of Craig and Karl.

Music

In Music we will be exploring the Charanga units 'Hands, Feet and Heart' and 'Ho, Ho, Ho'.



Religious Education



In the first term we will be exploring the question, 'Should you wear symbols?' and finding out how and why symbols express meaning.

In the second term we will be exploring the question, 'How should you spend the weekend?' and learning about the Jewish Shabbat. We will also be exploring the Christmas story.



Physical Education

Much of our work in PE during the Autumn term will focus on developing the children's physical literacy and fundamental movement skills. We will be exploring different ways of running, jumping, hopping and skipping. We will also begin our 'Indoor Fitness' unit of work towards Christmas.



PSHE

Our PSHE work during this term will centre around the themes of 'Being me in my world' and 'Celebrating difference'. We will discuss how to make our class and school a safe and fair place and explore how we are similar and different to our friends. We will also learn strategies to help us stand up for ourselves and our friends.

Computing



Following the Purple Mash scheme of work, we will begin by developing our knowledge of online safety and then learn how to use 2Paint a Picture to create a variety of digital art work inspired by several famous artists. We will then learn to use pictograms, binary trees and databases to sort information to answer questions.

Helping Your Child At Home

Please listen to your child read at least 3 times a week and record this in their reading record. Your child will also bring home weekly learning logs for you to engage with and weekly spellings.

If you wish to discuss how you can help your child further at home, please speak to us at the end of school to arrange an appointment.

Kindest Regards
The Year 2 Team

Curriculum Newsletter

Learning in Year 2



'A place where everyone flourishes'

Autumn Term 2020
Terms 1 and 2