



What will your child be learning this half term?

Science: Our Science unit for this half term is 'Mixing and Making'. The children will learn to identify solids, liquids and gases. We will explore what mixtures are through a variety of experiments, and investigate what changes are reversible and irreversible. Then we will move onto 'Scientists', where the children will explore a range of influential figures and the important work they have carried out, including Katherine Johnson, Jane Goodall, Rachel Carson, Louis Pasteur, and Elizabeth Garrett Anderson.	Religious Education (R.E.): At the start of this half term, the children will explore 'Our Church', developing their understanding of what it means to belong to God's family. They will learn about the role of the parish, the responsibilities of those who serve within it, and discover the origins of the Church through the lives of the Apostles. To finish the school year, the children will move on to the topic 'The Mass', where they will deepen their understanding of its structure and meaning. They will focus on recognising how Christ is present when we gather together, through the Word, and in the Eucharist.
Reading and Writing: This half term, we will focus on Reading and Writing. The children will continue to develop their comprehension skills by focusing on vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and sequencing. Our writing units will be inspired by the books <i>The Day the Crayons Quit</i> by Drew Daywalt and <i>Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Book?</i> By Lauren Child. Children will use these texts to inspire their own creative writing before taking part in a whole-school Poetry Day, where they will explore and create nature-themed poems.	Maths: During Maths this half term, the children will continue to develop their mathematical knowledge and problem-solving skills through a range of practical and written activities. They will focus on telling and comparing time, including reading analogue and digital clocks and solving problems involving duration. In fractions, the children will build their fluency with number facts and apply these skills to solve calculations and real-life problems. They will also explore measures, with a particular focus on capacity, volume, mass, learning to compare, estimate, measure accurately while using the correct mathematical vocabulary and units of measurement.

Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar: This half term, our focus will be on applying and consolidating all of the grammar and writing skills the children have developed throughout the year. They will practise using expanded noun phrases and similes to make their writing more descriptive and engaging, while continuing to develop accuracy with punctuation such as apostrophes and commas. The children will also revisit suffixes to support spelling and vocabulary development, strengthen their understanding of different sentence types, including questions, exclamations, statements and commands, using these confidently in their own writing.	DT: This half term in Design and Technology, Year 2 will focus on textiles as they design and create their own puppets. The children will explore a range of materials and learn how different fabrics can be used for different purposes. They will develop practical making skills by practising a variety of joining techniques, including gluing, stapling and basic sewing, while learning how to select the most suitable method for their design. Throughout the unit, the children will follow the design process by planning their puppet, creating it carefully, evaluating their finished product then reflect on what worked well and how it could be improved.
Geography: This half term, our topic focus will be on Jamaica. The children will learn about where Jamaica is located in the world and explore its key geographical and cultural features. They will compare life in Jamaica with their own experiences, identifying similarities and differences between the two. As part of their learning, the children will develop their writing skills by creating postcards inspired by Jamaica, and they will also have the exciting opportunity to learn from a special visitor, helping to bring their topic work to life through real-life experiences and discussion.	Computing: This half term, our computing unit is 'Programming Quizzes'. The children will develop their understanding of how sequences of commands can be used to create specific outcomes and will begin to make predictions about what will happen when instructions are changed or reordered. Using ScratchJr, they will explore and modify existing designs before applying their learning to create their own interactive quiz questions. Through this unit, the children will build their problem-solving skills, develop confidence in debugging simple programs, and gain a deeper understanding of the foundations of computer programming.
Physical Education (P.E.): In PE we will focusing on athletics, where they will develop and refine key techniques for running, jumping and throwing to improve their speed, agility and strength. They will take part in a range of activities designed to build coordination, control and overall physical confidence. Alongside this, the children will also participate in multi-skills	Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE): This half term, we will be covering a range of important topics that help the children develop personally, socially, and spiritually. Our focus will be: - British Values - The communities we live in - Rights and responsibilities

sessions, where they will practise a variety of physical games and challenges. These activities will help to develop their cooperation, teamwork and communication skills, while encouraging positive social interaction and an enjoyment of being active. The children must have their PE kits in school on Wednesday and Friday.	- Needs and wants - Keeping safe online - Transition into KS2
Music: This half term, the children will focus on preparing for their music examination through regular practice, skill development and targeted rehearsal. They will refine their performance techniques, develop their confidence when performing, and strengthen their understanding of key musical concepts. Through ongoing feedback and evaluation, pupils will identify areas for improvement and work towards achieving their personal best before completing the examination at the end of the half term.	French: During this half-term the children will learn: ➤ To use number words to give more information about ourselves. ➤ To recognise the numbers one to twelve, written in French. ➤ To use the number words one to twelve when playing playground games.

Other Important Information

Homework in Year 2

- Children are expected to read every day for 15 - 20 minutes.
- Children are expected to complete their quiz once they have finished reading their book.
- Children are expected to practice their time tables on TT rockstars daily.
- Spellings will be put into planners and shared on the class page of the school website. Please help your child learn these spellings at home. Spelling tests will take place on Fridays each week.
- Mental Maths - Practising 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

We would like to welcome the children back after their Easter break, we hope they have had a lovely break. Should you have any questions or concerns, please speak to one of us at the end of the school day or contact the school office to make an appointment - we are here to help.

Please feel free to attend any of these workshop dates:

- Thursday 18th June- RE
- Tuesday 7th June- French

Miss Ifill and Mrs Chambers