



What will your child be learning this half term?

Computing: For computing this half term, the children will be learning about programming. They will develop their understanding of how to create, follow instructions in a sequence and use logical reasoning to predict outcomes. The children will experiment using various commands in different orders to see how this affects the results. They will also begin exploring the importance of design within programming.	Religious Education (R.E.): For the new half term, the children will be learning about Parables and Miracles. They will explore a variety of miracles performed by Jesus and hear about the parables he told. We will move into the season of Advent, during which the children will deepen their understanding of its significance, symbols, and key figures within the liturgical calendar. Through the story of John the Baptist, they will learn how Advent is a special time of preparation and reflection leading up to Christmas.
Reading and Writing: In English this half term, we will be focusing on developing our reading comprehension and strengthening our writing skills. The children will study two key texts: Gorilla, which will inspire a non-chronological report, and Lily and the Snowman, which links to writing instructions. After exploring these texts, the children will complete a piece of independent writing, applying the skills and techniques they have learned throughout the unit.	Maths: This half term in Maths, the children will focus on addition and subtraction with two-digit numbers. They will learn to find 10 more or 10 less than a two-digit number. They will then move on to adding and subtracting larger numbers and applying these skills to a range of problem-solving contexts. Towards the end of the unit, they will be introduced to multiplication questions.
Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar: This half term, our focus is to consolidate our learning by using capital letters and full stops consistently in our writing. We will also work on being confident in incorporating a range of adjectives and conjunctions. In addition, we will introduce suffixes and exploring different sentence types, including questions and statements.	Design and Technology: In our Design and Technology lessons, the children will be design and create their own cars, exploring and using mechanisms such as wheels and axles. Once their final designs are complete, the children will evaluate their work, reflecting on what went well and what they could improve next time.
Geography: In Geography this half term, we are learning about hot and cold places around the world. The children will explore where these places are	Science: Our science topic for this half term is Human Lifestyle. The children will investigate the different parts of the human body and learn about their

located on a map and learn about the different features that make them unique. They will look closely at places such as Antarctica, the Sahara Desert, comparing their climates, landscapes, and the types of animals and plants that live there. The children will also discover that countries near the Equator tend to be warmer, while places closer to the North and South Poles are much colder. They will begin to understand how people adapt to living in these extreme environments.	important functions. They will explore the stages of life, from babies through to being elderly, and develop an understanding of how our bodies change as we grow. In addition, the children will learn about the importance of exercise and what makes up a healthy, balanced diet.
Physical Education (P.E.): In PE this half term, the children will be taking part in dance and dodgeball. During dance lessons, they will explore different ways of moving in time to music and will work collaboratively to perform short routines. In dodgeball, the children will develop their skills in throwing and catching within a competitive setting that promotes teamwork, honesty, and fair play. Please ensure that children have their PE kit in school on Monday and Wednesday.	Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE): This half term, we will be covering a range of important topics that help children develop personally, socially, and spiritually: - I am unique - Girls and Boys - Clean and Healthy - Dignity of the Human Person - Tolerance - Christmas Around the World - Keeping Safe Online
French: In this half-term, the children will begin to recognise and name colour words. They will learn to describe shapes by their colour. To describe shapes by their size and colour. They will look at the French Artist Henri Matisse.	Music: This half term in music, the children will be focusing on songs, many original compositions to be sung. These reflect the values, aims and mission statement of the school.

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.
- 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 hope your child settles well into Year 2. If 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.

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