



What will your child be learning this half term?

Computing: This half term in Computing, the children will learn that photographs can be captured using a range of different devices. They will gain experience in taking, editing, and enhancing photos, before using their knowledge to understand that some images they see may not be real.	Religious Education (R.E.): We will begin this term by learning about the celebration of Christmas. The children will reflect on the journeys within the Christmas story and consider what these reveal about the birth of Jesus. We will then move on to the unit <i>Special Celebrations</i>, where the children will develop an understanding of the Liturgical Year as a celebration of the life of Christ. They will also learn about Baptism and Marriage being important sacramental celebrations.
Reading and Writing: Throughout our reading lessons the children will develop their comprehension skills focusing on vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval, and sequencing. Our first writing unit will be based on <i>The Emerald Forest</i> by Catherine Ward, where the children will create a setting description. We will then move on to <i>Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs</i> by Giles Andreae, during which the children will write a persuasive advert.	Maths: During the first half in maths, the children will begin learning about multiplication and division. They will explore multiplication as repeated addition and division as sharing and grouping. The children will be using practical equipment, pictures, and number facts to support their understanding.
Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar: This half term, our focus will be on consolidating what we have learned so far by using adjectives, conjunctions, and suffixes confidently in our writing. We will also introduce apostrophes and exclamation marks, as well as explore different sentence types, including commands and questions.	Art: In Art, the children will explore how artists use paint in expressive and gestural ways. They will learn how to mix colours and develop an understanding of primary and secondary colours. Using a range of tools, they will experiment with mark-making to create abstract artwork.
History: In History this half term, we will continue our learning about <i>The Great Fire of London</i>. The children will discover what life was like in the 17th century and explore the causes of the fire. They will create a timeline, develop their historical enquiry skills through the use of artefacts, and gain an understanding of the impact of the fire and the changes it brought to London.	Science: Our science unit for this half term is <i>Changing Materials</i>. The children will learn to identify the properties of different materials and consider which materials are best suited for particular objects. They will carry out simple experiments to explore how materials can change shape and make predictions about which materials will stretch the most and be the most absorbent.
Physical Education (P.E.): In PE this half term, the children will be working with	Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE): This half term, we will be covering a range of

Mr Davies focusing on gymnastics. They will practise a range of shapes, jumps, and rolls, focusing on good body tension and controlled movements. The children will also take part in indoor athletics, where they will develop their gross motor skills through a variety of running, jumping, and throwing activities. The children will need to have their PE kits in school on Monday and Friday.	important topics that help children develop personally, socially, and spiritually: - I am unique - Clean and Healthy - British Values - Rule of Law - Solidarity and the Common - Poverty - Money Matters - Keeping Safe Online
French: During this half term the children will be learning: To understand and respond to simple classroom instructions To name school bag objects and recognise if they are masculine or feminine. To read and understand short sentences.	Music: During music lessons, the children will explore the history of music while continuing to develop their singing skills. They will learn a wider repertoire of songs and practise singing with confidence and control. Throughout the term, they will also prepare for their Step 2 music exam by developing their listening skills, musical understanding, and performance techniques.

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 the Christmas break, we hope they 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. Miss Ifill and Mrs Chambers