



What will your child be learning this half term?

Science: After half term, the Science unit will focus on 'Plants'. Children will observe and record how plants grow, learning about the conditions they need to survive. They will explore the life cycle of a sunflower and find out which plants we can eat and how they grow. Children will also learn about the work of Jane Colden and her discoveries.	Religious Education (R.E.): We will continue focusing on Holy Week before moving onto the season of Easter. During this unit, children will deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Easter stories from the New Testament, as well as the symbols the Church uses to celebrate this special season. After this, we will move on to Pentecost. The children will learn about the story of Pentecost, exploring the presence and work of the Holy Spirit. They will also discover how Pentecost is celebrated within the Church, including learning about Confirmation as the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit.
Reading and Writing: Throughout our reading and writing lessons, the children will build their comprehension skills by focusing on vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and sequencing. This half term, our writing will begin with a character description inspired by a book by Emily Brown. Following this, we will explore <i>The Tear Thief</i> by Carol Ann Duffy. The children will go on to write their own narrative story.	Maths: During Maths, the children will learn about money, fractions, and time. They will develop their understanding of recognising and using different coins and notes, as well as solving simple money problems. In fractions, they will explore parts of a whole, including recognising and working with simple fractions. When learning about time, the children will practise telling the time and understanding how time is measured in everyday life.
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: This half term, in our 'Be an Architect' unit, the children will explore the world of architecture. They will begin by learning about different architects and the ways they work, before moving on to design and create their own architectural model.

History: This half term in History, we will be exploring the topic of 'Queens'. The children will develop their understanding of the role of a monarch while learning about the reigns of Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria. They will also compare the similarities and differences between these two queens.	Computing: This half term, our computing topic is Creating Media – Digital Music. The children will explore how music can influence thoughts and feelings. They will create patterns and use these to compose music using both percussion instruments and digital tools.
Physical Education (P.E.): This half term in PE, children will attend swimming sessions on Tuesday afternoons, so please ensure you send their swimming kit in every Tuesday. They will also take part in a range of ball games, building on skills learnt earlier in the year such as throwing, catching and kicking. These skills will be applied as they work together to play a variety of team games. The children must have their PE kits in school on Monday.	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: - Three in one - Who is my neighbour - Stereotypes in the workplace - Dignity of work - The rights of working - Vocation - Keeping Safe Online
Music: This half term, the children will be focusing on preparing for their music exam. They will take part in a range of activities including listening exercises, performance practice, and revision of key musical concepts. This will help to build their confidence, improve their skills, and deepen their understanding of the subject. We encourage you to continued supporting them at home so they can be fully prepared to perform at their best.	

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.

Miss Ifill and Mrs Chambers