



Year 2 Curriculum Overview for Parents

Autumn 1 2023

What will your child be learning this half term?

Guided Reading –This half term we will be reading ‘Room on the Broom’ by Julia Donaldson, ‘Tuesday’ by David Wiesner and ‘Winnie the Witch’ by Valerie Thomas together in class. We will work on developing our comprehension skills by focusing on Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, Retrieval and Sequence.	Religious Education (R.E.) –We will start our RE lessons by learning about our class Saint (St Michael the Archangel) and St Joseph, our school Saint. We will begin by learning about ‘Old Testament Stories and Prayers’ where children will learn about the stories and the characters of the Old Testament. They will also be introduced to important images of God found in the scriptures. We will then move onto ‘Sharing in the life of Jesus’ where children will extend their knowledge and understanding of the life of Mary and Jesus and the call of the disciples.
Writing – During this half term we will be reading the story ‘Gorilla’ by Anthony Browne. Based on this text, children will write their own version of a wishing tale story as well as a set of instructions. Later in the half term, we will be writing a setting description linked with a media video clip.	Maths – To start our school year, children will be focusing on numbers to 100 where they will learn to order, compare and partition numbers. Children will move onto learning a range of methods to solve addition and subtraction questions as well as practicing their quick recall of facts. To end our half term, we will be learning all about multiplication including the 2, 5 and 10 times table.
Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – Our focus for this half term is recap the use of capital letters and full stops, ensuring that these are used consistently in writing. Children will be learning how to add more detail to their writing using adjectives and conjunctions.	Mental Maths - This half term we will focus on: • Number bonds to 10 • Quick recall of addition and subtraction facts • 2 x table
Geography - During this half term children will be learning about ‘Villages, Towns and Cities’. Children will find out where people live on the planet and explore the different features of settlements. They will consider what makes a good location to settle. We explore the land use within a city and consider the advantages and disadvantages of living in different settlements.	Science – Our Science unit for this half term is ‘Changing Materials’. Children will identify the properties of materials and think about which materials is best suited for different objects. We will be experimenting with how materials change shape and predicting which materials will stretch the most and be the most absorbent.
Physical Education (P.E.) In PE this half term children will be studying multi skills. They will develop their ability to balance on equipment as well as move at different speed, in different directions and successfully negotiate space while playing games. They will also be studying ball skills which will develop their ability to manipulate a ball through rolling, throwing and kicking.	Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE) – During PSHE this half term we will be focusing on: - Class rules - School mission statement - British values - How we can care for the world we live in and protect our environment - How to keep safe in person and online - How our action affect other people

Children will need their PE kit in school on Wednesday and Friday.	- The celebration of Harvest when we give thanks for the food we eat - The positive contributions made by significant black people through History.
Art – During art this half term, children will be introduced to the idea that artists can be collectors: they go out into the world, look at things in new ways, and bring things back to inspire their art. Children will explore observational drawing and experimental mark making, and think about how they can use composition to create their artwork.	Computing – During this half term, children will learn about how information technology (IT) is being used for good in our lives? We will focus on IT in the home and explore how IT benefits society in places such as shops, libraries, and hospitals. We will also be discussing the responsible use of technology, and how to make smart choices when using it.
Music – In Music this half term, children will be focusing on songs, many original compositions will be sung. These will reflect the values, aims and mission statement of the school.	

Other Important Information
Parents Evening for Year 2 – Thursday 21st September. Appointments will be available to book online nearer the time. Homework in Year 2 ● Children are expected to read every day for 15 - 20 minutes – please sign your child’s planner to show that this has been completed. ● Spellings will be put into planners and shared on the class page of the school website. Please help your child to learn these spellings at home. Spelling tests will take place on Fridays each week. ● Mental Maths – The focus for our mental maths each week will be put into planners and displayed on the class website page. Please help your child to practise at home. 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. Miss Edwards & Mrs Dawes