



Year 2 Curriculum Overview for Parents

Spring 1 2024

What will your child be learning this half term?

Guided Reading – This half term we will be reading 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne and 'The Ugly Five' by Julia Donaldson, together in class. We will be continuing to develop our comprehension skills by focusing on Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, Retrieval and Sequence.	Religious Education (R.E.) – We will start our new half term learning about the celebration of 'Christmas'. Children will reflect upon the journeys associated with the Christmas story and what these tell us about Jesus' birth. We will then move onto the unit 'Special celebrations' where children will understand the Liturgical year as a celebration of the life of Christ. The children will learn about Baptism and Marriage as special sacramental celebrations
Writing – During this half term, we will be reading the story 'Meerkat Mail' by Emily Gravett. Based on this text, children will write their own non-chronological report about meerkats as well as a Haiku style poem.	Maths – To start our half term, children will be introduced to fraction including $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$. They will be able to identify fraction as well as find fractions of amounts. Throughout the half term, children will be applying their knowledge of maths to solve a range of word problems. We will then move onto solving a range of word problems using a range of calculation methods.
Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – Our focus for this half term is to embed what we have learnt so far using adjectives, conjunctions and suffixes confidently in our writing. We will be introducing apostrophes as well as working hard to use a range of time conjunctions and different sentence openers.	Mental Maths - This half term we will focus on: • Our 2, 5 and 10 times table • Being able to recognise the relevant division facts • Quick recall of addition and subtraction facts.
Geography - In Geography this half term we are continuing our learning about 'Villages, Town and Cities'. Children will explore the local area of Darlaston and identify different human and physical features. They will draw a sketch map of the local area using key map symbols as well as use compass points in order to describe where things are on their map. Later in the half term we will be learning all about 'Brazil' where children will locate Brazil on a world map and identify its major human and physical features. They will then explore why people visit Brazil and how the cities are different to those in the UK.	Science – Our Science unit for this half term is 'Human Lifestyle'. Children will investigate different parts of the human body and their important jobs. They will explore the importance of exercise and understand what a healthy diet looks like. Children will also find out how our bodies change as we get older.
Physical Education (P.E.) In PE this half term children will be studying Gymnastics with Mr Davies. Gymnastics will focus on	Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE) – During PSHE this half term we will be focusing on:

performing a variety of shapes, jumps and rolls demonstrating good body tension and controlled movements. Children will also be studying indoor athletics where they will develop their gross motor skills through a variety of running, jumping and throwing activities. Children will need their PE kit in school on Wednesday and Friday.	- How we all have different feelings, like and dislikes. - How feelings and actions are different things. - How our choices have consequences. - The different stages of life of a human.
Art – Children will explore how painters sometimes use paint in an expressive and gestural way. They will learn how to mix colours and understand the primary and secondary colours. Using a range of tools they will do experimental mark-making to create abstract artwork.	Computing – During this half term, children will learn to recognise that different devices can be used to capture photographs and will gain experience capturing, editing, and improving photos. Finally, they will use this knowledge to recognise that images they see may not be real.
Music – Children will begin to learn composition skills on keyboard instruments.	French - The children will be using puppets to practise a variety of French greetings and learning how to introduce themselves. Choosing the correct greeting based on the time of day and asking someone how they are.

Other Important Information
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. Mental Maths will take place on Wednesdays. 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