



Year 2 Curriculum Overview for Parents

Autumn 1 2024

What will your child be learning this half term?

Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – We will start our school year with the unit 'Place Value of Punctuation and Grammar' where children will learn all about the basic of grammar and punctuation including nouns, pronouns, verbs, capital letters and full stops.	Religious Education (R.E.) –We will start our RE lessons by learning about our class Saints (St Patrick & St Therese of Calcutta) 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.
Reading into Writing –Alongside our place value unit of work, children will be reading a range of stories including: 'Room on the Broom' and 'Meerkat Mail'. Later in the half term, Children will then move onto their first writing unit where they will write a set of instructions based on the story 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'.	Maths – To start our school year, children will be focusing on numbers to 100 where they will learn to represent, order, compare and partition numbers. Children will then move onto addition and subtraction of ones and tens in various different ways.
History - During this half term children will be learning about Bonfire Night and Remembrance. They learn about why Guy Fawkes wanted to blow up the Houses of Parliament and explore why we celebrate bonfire night today. We will then learn about Remembrance Day and discuss how the UK and other countries commemorate those who died in the war.	Mental Maths - This half term we will focus on: • Number bonds within 10 • Quick recall of addition and subtraction facts • 10 x table
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. Children will need their PE kit in school on Tuesday and Friday.	Science – Our Science unit for this half term is 'Habitats'. Children will understand the characteristics of living things and develop their knowledge of food chains. They will learn about different types of habitats and think about how animals have adapted in order to survive in their habitat.
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	Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE) – During PSHE this half term we will be focusing on: - Class rules - School mission statement - British values

making, and think about how they can use composition to create their artwork.	- Understanding Catholic social teaching about family and community - How we can care for the world we live in and protect our environment - How to keep safe in person and online - The celebration of Harvest when we give thanks for the food we eat - The positive contributions made by significant black people through History.
Music – In Music this half term, children will be focusing on songs, many original compositions to be sung. These reflect the values, aims and mission statement of the school.	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.

Other Important Information

Parents Evening for Year 2 – Thursday 10th October. 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
- 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
 - Practising 2, 5 and 10 times table
 - Number bonds within 10 (e.g. $4 + 1 = 5$, $2 + 3 = 5$)
 - Counting **forwards** and **backwards** from a number within 100.

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 & Miss Sutton