



Year 2 Curriculum Overview for Parents

Autumn 2 2024

What will your child be learning this half term?

Reading into Writing – Throughout our reading into writing lessons, children will develop their comprehension skills by focusing on Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, Retrieval and Sequence. Our first writing unit will be based on the story 'Traction Man' by Mini Grey where children will write a character description of Traction Man. We will then move onto the story 'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne where children will write a non-chronological report about a gorilla.	Religious Education (R.E.) –We will start our new half term learning about 'Parables and miracles' where children will find out about a range of miracles Jesus performed and the parables he told. We will then be moving into the season of Advent where children will develop their knowledge of the time, symbols and characters of the liturgical Season of Advent. We will be exploring Advent being a season of preparation for Christmas through the story of John the Baptist.
Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – Our focus for this half term is to embed what we have learnt so far using capital letters and full stops consistently in writing as well as confidently using a range of adjectives and conjunctions. We will be introducing a range of suffixes as well as different sentences types including questions and statements.	Maths – In our maths lessons this half term, we will be focusing on addition and subtraction. Children will start by adding three 1-digit numbers together effectively by looking for doubles and number bonds to 10 to help them. Children will find 10 more or less than a 2-digit number. We will then move onto adding and subtracting larger numbers and applying this to a range of contexts in order to solve problems.
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.	Mental Maths - This half term we will focus on: • Multiplication facts linked to the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. • Quick recall of addition and subtraction facts.
Geography - In Geography this half term, we are learning all about 'Brazil'. Children will locate Brazil on map and identify the human and physical features. We will be exploring why people visit Brazil and the differences between cities in Brazil and the UK. Children will learn about the weather patterns in Brazil and compare them to where we live. Finally, we will explore who lives in the Amazon Rainforest and find out why it is getting smaller.	Physical Education (P.E.) In PE this half term, children will be covering dance and dodgeball. In dance, children will explore different ways of moving in time to music and look to co-operate with others to perform short routines. In dodgeball, children will develop their throwing and catching skills in a competitive environment that encourages team work, honesty and a sense of fair play. Children will need their PE kit in school on Monday and Friday.
Design and Technology – In our DT lessons, children will be designing and making their very own car where they will explore	Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE) – During PSHE this half term we will be focusing on:

and use mechanisms including wheels and axles. When children have made their final design, they will do an evaluation thinking about what worked well and what they would change.	- How bullying affects people and how to get help. - How we are created out of love by God. - How we all are unique with our own gifts and talents. - How boys and girls are both similar and different. - How to look after our bodies and stay healthy. - Keeping safe online. - How Christmas is celebrated throughout the world.
Music – During this half term, through instrumental performance, children will learn a repertoire of pieces in an ensemble setting. Pieces include: Reggae Four, Rise and Fall.	Computing – During this half term, children will learn about programming. Children will develop their understanding of instructions in sequences and the use of logical reasoning to predict outcomes. Children will use given commands in different orders to investigate how the order affects the outcome. They will also learn about design in programming.

Other Important Information

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
 - Doubling and halving
 - Counting **forwards** and **backwards** from a number within 100.

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