



Year 2 Curriculum Overview for Parents

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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 'The Emerald Forest' by Catherine Ward where children will write a setting description. We will then move onto the story 'Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs' by Giles Andreae where children will write a persuasive advert.	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
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, exclamation marks as well as different sentence types (commands and questions).	Maths – In our maths lessons this half term, we will be focusing on addition and subtraction of larger numbers applying this to a range of contexts in order to solve problems. We will then move onto multiplication and division.
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.	Mental Maths - This half term we will focus on: • Knowing our timetables fluently with quick recall – 2 and 10 x times tables • Starting to know some related division facts e.g. $2 \times 5 = 10$ $10 \div 5 = 2$ • Quick recall of addition and subtraction facts.
History - In History this half term, we are continuing our learning about 'The Great Fire of London'. Children will learn about what life was like in the 17th Century. They will explore the causes of the Great Fire and create a timeline. Children will develop their historical enquiry using artefacts. They will understand the impact on & changes in London because of the fire.	Physical Education (P.E.) In PE this half term children will be studying Gymnastics with Mr Davies. Gymnastics will focus 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 Monday and Friday.
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	Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE) – During PSHE this half term we will be focusing on: - How we are unique and have different interests. - How to keep clean and healthy.

tools they will do experimental mark-making to create abstract artwork.	- British Values – Rule of law - Catholic Social Teaching – Solidarity and the Common Good – Poverty - How to keep safe online - Money Matters – Where money comes from, how we can spend our money.
Music – Children will begin to learn composition skills on keyboard instruments.	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.
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
- 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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