



Year 2 Curriculum Overview for Parents

Summer 1 2025

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 writing unit this half term will be based on the story 'The Tear Thief' By Carol Ann Duffy where children will write a narrative story.	Religious Education (R.E.) – We will start our new half term learning about the Season of 'Easter'. Children will develop their knowledge and understanding of the stories of Easter from the New Testament and of the symbols the Church uses to celebrate the Season. We will then move onto the unit 'Pentecost' where children will understand of the story of Pentecost and of the activity and presence of the Holy Spirit. We will learn about how Pentecost is celebrated in the Church and Confirmation being the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit.
Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – Our focus for this half term is • Conjunctions • Apostrophes –contractions e.g. Didn't • Expanded noun phrases • Suffixes • Commas in a list	Maths – During Maths this half term we will be learning about: • Money • Fractions • Time
Science – Our Science unit for this half term is 'Mixing and Making'. Children will identify solids, liquids and gasses. They will explore what a mixture is a carry out a variety of experiments. Children will also identify changes that are reversible and irreversible.	Mental Maths - This half term we will focus on: • 2, 5 and 10 times table as well as the related division facts. • Adding 2 digit numbers mentally • Using known facts to answer maths questions
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.	Art and Design – Children will explore architecture during our unit 'Be an Architect'. We will start with an exploration of architects and some of the ways they work, and then go on to create their own architectural model.
Physical Education (P.E.) In PE this half term, children will be going swimming on Tuesday afternoons. Please have your swimming kit in school on this day. Children will also be studying different ball games. They will build on skills developed earlier the year, throwing, catching and kicking a ball, to play a variety of games as part of a team.	Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE) – During PSHE this half term we will be focusing on: - The Holy Trinity - Who our neighbours are and how we should treat others - Economic wellbeing - Catholic Social Teaching - Dignity of work & the rights of workers/ Vocations - Keeping safe online

Children will need their swimming kit in school on Tuesday and their PE kit in school on Monday.	
Music – This half term children will be learning how to play the ukuleles and develop a greater understanding of the different elements of music making.	Computing – During this half term, our computing unit is ‘Creating Media – Digital Music’. Children will explore how music can make them think and feel. They will make patterns and use those patterns to make music with both percussion instruments and digital tools. Children will also create different rhythms and tunes, using the movement of animals for inspiration.

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. Miss Edwards & Mrs Dawes