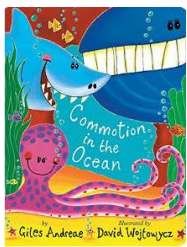
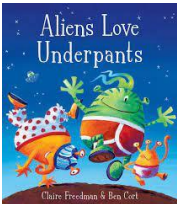
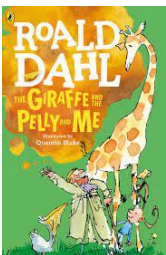
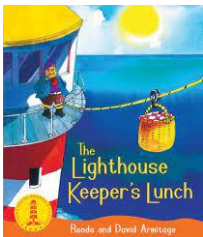




Year 2 Curriculum Overview for Parents

Summer 1 2023

What will your child be learning this half term?

Guided Reading – This half term we will be reading ‘Commotion in the Ocean’ by Giles Andreae. ‘Aliens Love Underpants’ by Claire Freedman and Ben Cort and ‘Giraffe the Pelly and Me’ by Roald Dahl, 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 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. We will end the half term with the unit ‘Our Church’ where children will understand what it means to belong to God’s Family. We will focus on the role of the parish and people with special responsibilities. Children will also hear about the origins of the Church through the lives of the Apostles.
Writing – During this half term, we will be reading the story ‘The Lighthouse Keeper’s Lunch’ by David and Ronda Armitage. Based on this text, children will write a wishing tale and a diary entry. 	Maths – During Maths this half term we will be learning about: • Time • Volume • Four calculations – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. • Word problems – applying our knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – Our focus for this half term is • Expanded noun phrases • Similes • Apostrophes • Commas • Suffixes • Sentence types – question, exclamation, statement and command.	Mental Maths - This half term we will focus on: • 2, 5 and 10 times table as well as the related division facts. • Moving onto our 3 times tables. • Quick recall of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts. • Counting forwards and backwards in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10.
Geography - In Geography this half term, we are continuing our learning 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	Science – Our Science unit for this half term is ‘Plants’. Children will record and make observations about plants. They will understand the conditions needed in order for plants to grow and explore the life cycle of a sunflower. We will discover what plants we can

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.	eat and how they grow. Children will learn about the work of Jane Colden and what she discovered.
Physical Education (P.E.) In PE this half term, children will be studying Cricket and Kickball. We will be developing underarm and overarm throwing techniques over a variety of distances as well as beginning to develop striking a ball from a stationary position. Children will need their PE kit in school on Wednesday and Friday.	Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE) – During PSHE this half term we will be focusing on: - Being safe in real life and online situations. - The difference between good and bad secrets. - The PANTS rule. - Keeping safe with medicines and other substances. - How God created us to help, love and care for one another. - British Values
French – <u>French adjectives of colour, size and shape</u> The children will learn the vocabulary for the different colours. They will use this knowledge to describe shapes using adjectives of colour and size. They will create animal artworks inspired by the cut-outs of French artist, Henri Matisse.	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.
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.	

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. 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 & Mrs Drew