

Year 2 Autumn Term Overview 2023



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PE days will be on Thursday and Friday.

Library and Forest School days to be confirmed.

PE

Our main focus this term will be Dance, Gymnastics, Fundamentals and Ball Skills.

Forest School

Forest School will link with current topics, where possible, and will not be every week. I will outline any Forest School days in my weekly email.

Art & Design Technology

In Art this term, we will be learning about different types of printing to create repeated patterns.

In the second half term, we will be focusing on painting skills and produce a piece of work linked to our history topic, 'The Great Fire of London'. In the second half term, the children will take part in weekly 'Caring Cooks' lessons to learn about food preparation.

English

English will be taught in class on a daily basis. The children will also attend Read, Write, Inc phonic sessions four times per week. Class based English will be focused on our Text Driver book which will change every 2-3 weeks. Each Learning Journey will involve a mixture of reading, role-play and writing tasks related to the text driver, all building up towards producing a writing outcome at the end of each unit. Guided Reading sessions will take place weekly. The children will read with either myself or Mrs Gavin (our Teaching Assistant). The children will bring home the book they have read in class to either finish or read again at home – a comment will be made in the children's Reading Journal. Please can I ask that the book is returned to school in time for the following Guided Reading session. Reading days may vary, so it would be a good idea to keep reading records and books in your child's book bag so that they are always accessible in school. We will also have weekly handwriting sessions. In addition, your child will bring home a new set of spellings every Monday. These will be practised at home and then tested at school every Friday.

Maths

During the Autumn term, we will be learning about Place Value, Addition & Subtraction and Shape. The children will also be set Maths homework on SeeSaw every 2 weeks. Maths homework will be explained in my weekly email and will link to our current learning in class.

Religious Education

We will begin by learning about Islam, identifying some of the key Muslim beliefs about God found in the Shahadah, the first pillar of Islam. After half term, we will be deepening our understanding of why Christmas is important to Christians and how they prepare for Christmas, which include a visit to a church and speaking to a minister who will show us around a church showing them which signs of the story of can be seen in the run-up to Christmas.

Computing

Our main focus this term will be logging on and becoming more familiar with using a keyboard. We will be learning how to open, edit and save documents in Microsoft Word and PowerPoint.

PSHE

PSHE will be taught in the first half term. We will begin by creating a class charter. We will also be learning about the 'Rights & Responsibilities' that we have, and 'Feelings and Friendship'.

Science

Our focus for this term will be 'Everyday Materials'. We will be sorting materials and identifying 'natural' and 'man-made' materials. We will be testing materials to see if they can change shape by squashing, bending, stretching and twisting. On Tuesday 17th October, we will be going on a class trip to the Recycling Centre – a letter will be sent out closer to the date.

Geography

Our Geography topic in the first half term will be about 'The United Kingdom'. We will be using an atlas to name and locate the different countries in the UK and their capital cities. We will learn about the flags of the UK and learn about some of the famous landmarks in London.

History

Our history topic in the second half term will be about 'The Great Fire of London'. We will be learning about Samuel Pepys and his diary. We will also learn about the famous Pudding Lane and the events that took place in 1666.