



Year 2 Curriculum News

Spring 2023

English

This term we will be developing our writing skills. We will be using expanded noun phrases to describe, subordination (using when, if, that, or because) and co-ordination (using or, and, or but). We will also be practising our SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) every day and the children will have weekly spelling tests. We will be writing about real events including rewriting the diary of Samuel Pepys, writing persuasive letters and exploring fiction by retelling fairy tales such as 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs.' We will be using drama and story mapping to develop our speaking and listening skills and the children will practise evaluating and editing their own writing.

Reading

Whole Class Reading takes place every morning. The children will be reading a wide range of stories and non-fiction. There will also be a guided reading session each afternoon, where the children will further develop their reading and comprehension skills. Children are encouraged to develop pleasure in reading and motivation to read.

Please make sure your child brings their book bag to school every day. Year Two will be changing their library books every Friday. Please make sure you read with your child every day.

PE Kit

Year 2 will have PE with the Sports Coaches every Monday. Please ensure your child arrives in school in their PE kit every Monday. The PE kit should contain a t-shirt, leggings or tracksuit bottoms and a pair of plimsolls or trainers. PE lessons will be outside as much as possible so please also include a sweatshirt.

PSHE

In **PHSE** we will be discussing our school value of Respect and looking at the British values of Mutual Respect and Tolerance. We will also build on our knowledge of a growth mind-set.

RE

In **R.E.** we will be learning about Christianity and why Jesus is important to Christians.

Computing

In **Computing** children will be learning about E-safety. We will also be using Purple Mash to learn about how to create simple pictograms. We will also learn simple coding.

Maths

This term we will be covering the following topics:

- Money
- Graphs
- Fractions

The children will continue to develop confidence and mental fluency with whole numbers, counting and place value. We will also continue to work with the four operations; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children will be using concrete objects and pictorial representations. They will also be applying their increasing knowledge of mental and written methods.

Science

Our **Science** Topic this term is **Materials Matter**

The children will

- Become familiar with how some materials are used for more than one thing.
- Learn about the properties of materials that make them suitable or unsuitable for particular purposes.
- Learn about people who have developed useful new materials for example John McAdam.

History and Geography

Our **History** topic is **The Great Fire of London**.

Children will

- Identify similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods.
- understand how this significant event fits within a chronological framework
- Understand some of the ways in which we find out about the past.

Our **Geography** topic is **Around the World**.

Children will understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of the local area and comparing with that of a small area in a contrasting non-European country i.e. Nairobi/ rural village in Kenya.

D.T

In **D.T**, the children will be gaining the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to engage in the process of designing and making a mechanical monster.