



Year 2 Curriculum News

Autumn 2024

RWI/ English

The children will attend either RWI or English lessons. In RWI they will read a levelled book every day and create a piece of writing linked to the same story by the end of each week.

In English the children will explore poetry, narratives; they will create descriptions; write a biography of Road Dahl and understand the features of each genre they learn about.

Spellings will be taught weekly, every Tuesday, and the new ones will be given to the children. The spelling test will follow the next Tuesday.

Reading

Whole Class Reading will take place every day and it will cover a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. The children will be given the opportunity to read their own book during Guided Reading sessions when they are not reading with an adult.

Please support your child in bringing their own book into school, which they can keep in their drawer.

Please make sure your child brings their book bag to school every day. **Chestnut Class will change their library books on Friday and their home reader books on Tuesday. Ash Class will change their library books and home reader books on Friday.** Please ensure your children bring their book on their library day. We would like the children to be independent in changing their levelled home- reader books when they are ready for a new book. Please make sure you **read these books at home with your child every day** and encourage your child to change their home-reader as needed.

Computing

Computing will focus upon building curriculum knowledge and skills. Computing is delivered through the Purple Mash software. This term children will learn about effective searches and spreadsheets. They will also explore a unit on how to present ideas on various ways. The start of each term will also include an e-safety awareness session which will teach children how to use technology safely.

PE Kit

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

PSHE

Our **PSHE** topics this term focus on growth mindsets, democracy and our school values of resilience and honesty.

Maths

This term we will be covering the following topics:

- Number and Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Shape

During Maths lessons, the children will be using concrete resources and pictorial representations. They will also be applying their increasing knowledge of mental and written methods and will be provided with opportunities within the lesson to complete extra challenges.

We will be setting tasks and activities to do at home on Mathematics weekly. Please ensure these are done **regularly** as they will consolidate the learning for the week.

Science

Our **Science** Topic this term is: Healthy Animals. The children will:

- learn that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults
- find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air)
- learn about the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene

History and Geography

In History, we will learn about;

- the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. We will explore more closely the life of Rosa Parks.

In Geography, we will:

- devise a simple sketch map
- use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of the school and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment.
- compare maps and atlases
- use directional and positional language to describe routes.

Art

In Art our topic is called Human Form. We will:

- find out how bodies and faces are portrayed in art
- explore the work of artists such as Damien Hirst and Edwina Bridgeman.
- develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space.

RE

In **R.E.** we will be learning about: How we celebrate our journey through life, looking in particular at Christianity and Judaism.