

# Year 2 Curriculum Overview

## English

**Spelling** – Weekly spelling tests linked to Phonics learning.

**Phonics** – Daily Phonics lessons

**Grammar and Punctuation** – Pupils will continue to practice their use of capital letters and full stops. They will also learn when to use question marks, commas and exclamation marks. They will learn about adjectives, nouns, verbs and adverbs.

**Writing** – Pupils will learn how to write character and setting descriptions using descriptive phrases and adjectives. They will also learn about the features of information texts and write their own Non-Chronological Report about lions. Pupils will write a fictional letter based on 'The Little Hen & the Great War'. The children will also be developing and practising their Reading Comprehension skills to show their understanding of texts and vocabulary within texts.

**Chosen Texts** – The three horrid pigs and the friendly wolf (Liz Pichon), The three Billy Goats Fluff (Liz Pichon), Non-fictions texts about Lions, The Little Hen & the Great War (Jennifer Beck), The Jolly Christmas Postman (Allan & Janet Ahlberg).



## Autumn Term 2025

## Maths

### Place Value:

- Recognise the place value of each digit in a two-digit number (tens, ones). - Compare and order numbers from 0 up to 100; use <, > and = signs. - Identify missing numbers on number lines in steps of 1s, 2s, 5s or 10s. - Use place value and number facts to solve problems

### Addition & Subtraction

Adding and subtracting: 2-digit number and ones; 2-digit number and multiple of 10; two 2-digit numbers; 3 one-digit numbers.

**Money** Count money in pounds (£) and pence (p) using symbols correctly

Making an amount of money in using different coin combinations.

Finding change, using subtraction

### Multiplication and Division

Understand and use arrays and repeated addition to help with multiplication questions.

Know x and ÷ facts for 2, 5 and 10 time tables.

Recognise and make equal groups. Recognise odd and even

## Religious Education

During the first half term, our topic will be 'Creation and Covenant'.

Pupils will learn about the story of Noah, mainly focusing on God's promise, or covenant, with Noah and with all creatures that 'nothing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood' (Gen 9:15), a promise symbolised by the rainbow.

Our second topic will be 'Prophecy and Promise' where pupils will learn to retell religious accounts. They will learn about how other cultures and communities prepare for Advent.

## Science

'Materials' – pupils will learn about the properties of materials and their uses. They will investigate the effect of forces (bending, twisting, squashing) on different materials.

'Growing Up' – children will learn what animals need for survival and the different stages of the human life cycle.

## Geography

Our Geography topic, next half term, is "Hot and Cold Places" – children will be learning about hot and cold places around the world and be able to identify them on a word map. They will recognise and identify the features and animals of hot and cold places.

## History

Our History topic, this half term, is 'The Great Fire of London'. Pupils will learn the sequence of events during the fire, why it started and why it spread so quickly. They will learn about Samuel Pepys and how his diary helped us know so much about the fire today.

## Computing

'Online Safety' – pupils will learn what a digital footprint is and be able to give examples of things that they would not want to be in their digital footprint "Effective Searching" – children will learn how to use a search engine to look for things online.

## Music

This term's focus is 'The Pentatonic Scale'. The children will: Learn the song 'Hands Feet and Heart'. Learn to perform, and compose using the pentatonic scale. Prepare songs for the Christmas Nativity.

## PE & Sport

Children will be developing their throwing and catching/receiving skills over different distances. In Gymnastics they will be introduced to 'flight' skills of jumping and landing safely.

## PSHE

Our first topic will be 'Me and My Relationships' where the children will explore feelings and friendships. Next half term the children will learn about 'Valuing Differences' by discussing what makes us all special and unique.

## Design & Technology

This half term the pupils will be focusing on DT, linking with their History learning. They will design and create a cardboard house structure to replicate a house from the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

## Art & Design

Next half term, our Art topic will be 'Explore and Draw' – children will be introduced to the idea that artists are collectors and explorers. Pupils will develop their drawing and composition skills.

## Rich experiences/trips

Drama workshop supporting learning about the Great Fire of London.

Nativity practise and performance!

