

Year 2 Curriculum Overview

English

Spelling – Weekly spelling tests linked to Phonics learning.

Phonics – Daily Phonics lessons

Grammar and Punctuation – Pupils will learn about when and how to use apostrophes correctly (for contracted words, e.g. don't, and to show possession, e.g., Jack's dog).

Writing – Pupils will continue to develop their descriptive, story writing. They will be focusing on the structure of their sentences, ensuring they makes sense. They will learn editing skills to help to improve their writing. Children will learn the features of a persuasive letter and will write their own letter to convince the felt-tips return to our classroom!

Reading - The children will also be developing and practising their Reading Comprehension skills (retrieval, inference, vocabulary, sequencing and predicting) to show their understanding of texts and vocabulary within texts.

Chosen Texts – Billy & the Beast (Nadia Shireen), The Day the Crayons Quit (Drew Daywalt), The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch (David & Ronda Armitage), Non-fiction- Monarchs



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Maths

Multiplication and Division

Recognise and make equal groups.

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

Know \times and \div facts for 2, 5 and 10 time tables.

Fractions

Recognise, find and write fractions $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{2}{4}$, and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a length, shape, set of objects or number.

Write simple fractions, for example $\frac{1}{2}$ of 6 = 3 and recognise equivalence of $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{2}{4}$.

2D and 3D shapes

Identify and describe the names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Identify the 2D shapes on the faces of 3D shapes. Sort shapes in to groups and name everyday objects as 3D shapes.

Time

Tell and write the time to the nearest 5 minutes on an analogue clock and draw the hands on a clock to show times.

Geometry: Position & Direction

Describe position, direction and movement using language such as: right, left, clockwise, anti-clockwise, quarter turn, $\frac{1}{2}$ turn and $\frac{3}{4}$ turn.

Religious Education

'Galilee to Jerusalem'- Children learn about the key events in Jesus' life, discovering how His words and actions showed love, kindness, and God's power. This topic helps them understand who Jesus is and why He is important to Christians.

'Desert to Garden'-Children will explore the story of the Desert to Garden journey, focusing on themes like perseverance, care for creation, and making a positive impact on the world. Children will understand how their actions can help bring life and hope to places in need.

Science

'Take Care' - children will learn about what keeps them fit and healthy including diet, exercise and personal hygiene.

'Habitats' – children will be learn about the habitats of different animals and thinking about why they live there. We will also learn about micro-habitats and food-chains.

Geography

'Continents & Oceans' – The children will name and locate the 7 continents and 5 oceans of the world, using atlases. They will also look at the different human and physical features of each continent, thinking about the main animals and landmarks in each.

'Comparing Locality: Mugurameno Village, Zambia' - the children will be comparing and contrasting our local area to Mugurameno village in Zambia and learning all about what life is like there.

Computing

The children will learn to create a computer program using an algorithm, use events and buttons to control actions, and test and debug their program to make it work correctly.

Music

Pupils will be exploring pitch further through playing and improvising around the C major scale on the Glockenspiels. We will also be start learning the recorder, discovering the first few notes, and performing beginner repertoire.

PE & Sport

Dance - The children will perform basic skills in movement, being still, finding space and using it safely to music.

Gym— Development of taking weight on different body parts. Points: knees, toes, hips, hands. Patches: back, tummy, shoulders.

PSHE

'Being My Best'- Children will learn about growth/positive mind-set.

'RSE'- What makes us unique, naming girls and boys body parts; Feelings and emotions. **'Keeping myself safe'** – Medicines, actions for dealing with unsafe situations and who we can ask for help.

Design & Technology

'Cooking & Nutrition' – “Dips and Dippers!” Children will learn about good food hygiene and using kitchen equipment to prepare food safely. Children will apply these skills when evaluating & making healthy dip and dippers, using their understanding of the 'eatwell plate'.

Art & Design

'Expressive Painting' - Children will explore colour mixing and mark-making using a variety of tools. They will look at the brush work of artists Van Gogh and Cezanne. Children will apply their skills to create their own expressive painting.

Rich experiences/trips

'Wild West' drama workshop.

World Book Day!

Visit to St George's Church for 'The Mass' RE topic.