



Year 2 Curriculum Overview Autumn Term 1

English

This half term, pupils will develop their sentence writing, beginning with compound sentences and moving on to adverbial complex sentences. They will learn about the features of instructions through the 'Monster Pizza' unit and will have the opportunity to plan and write their own instructions. Pupils will also explore stories by the same author, focusing on books by Lauren Child, while continuing to develop their presentation, editing and SPaG skills.

Maths

Pupils will begin the half term by developing their understanding of place value. They will identify and represent numbers using tens and ones, partition two-digit numbers in different ways and use number lines to work with numbers to 100. They will also practise number bonds to 10 and 100. Later in the half term, pupils will begin their addition and subtraction unit, applying their place-value knowledge to calculations.

Guided Reading: In guided reading, pupils will develop their fluency and comprehension through 'Flat Stanley'. Our class reader will be 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark', and pupils will also enjoy a Book Club session based on 'The Wolf, the Duck and the Mouse'.

Science

In Science, pupils will learn about living things and their habitats. They will identify characteristics of living things and distinguish between things that are alive, were once alive or have never been alive. Pupils will explore plants and animals in different habitats, consider how habitats provide what living things need to survive and investigate how plants and animals depend on one another.

Humanities - History

Our History enquiry asks, 'How was school different in the past?' Pupils will investigate how schools have changed over time, including what school was like in the 1900s. They will compare a modern classroom with a classroom from around 100 years ago, compare three different periods of time and use what they have learned to express their own response to the past.

Art

In Art, pupils will follow the 'Map it Out' unit. They will investigate maps as a stimulus for drawing and experiment with craft techniques to develop their ideas. Pupils will develop their work through printmaking and learn the steps involved in felt making. They will then present their finished work and evaluate it against a design brief.

Computing

This half term, pupils will explore computing systems and networks through the question, 'What is a computer?' They will learn to recognise the parts of a computer, explore how technology is controlled and identify technology in the world around them.

French

In French, pupils will focus on learning and using numbers to 20 and will take part in activities linked to the European Day of Languages.

Music

In Music, pupils will explore call and response through an animal-themed unit. They will create short sounds with different dynamics to represent animals, copy short sound patterns and use instruments to explore call and response. Pupils will then create and perform their own contrasting sound patterns, leading to a final recorded performance.

RE

This half term, pupils will explore the question, 'Why do we need to give thanks?' They will consider how and why people say thank you and learn about Harvest celebrations. Pupils will explore why some Hindus and Christians feel thankful to God, including how gratitude may be expressed through puja, other practices and music.

PE

In outdoor PE, pupils will focus on locomotion and dodging. They will learn how to dodge effectively and apply their skills in games. In indoor PE, pupils will develop their 'champion gymnastics', linking movements together and using jumps, rolls and balances to create and perform sequences, including on apparatus.

PSHE

Our PSHE unit will focus on families and relationships. Pupils will explore the role of family and learn about the range of families they may encounter. They will consider how people show feelings in different ways, how to respond to friendship difficulties and the importance of courtesy and manners.

Assembly themes: Children will learn about the value of respect this half term. They will also learn about the significance of Diwali for Hindus and The Wavendon Gate Way, our behaviour curriculum. We will be celebrating European Day of Languages.

