



Year 2 Curriculum Overview Autumn Term 1

English

This term, the children will be introduced to key year 2 grammar including punctuation, conjunctions, sentence types and word classes. We will be learning about and writing fictional stories with familiar settings and also using imaginary creatures. We will be exploring rhyming words, rhythm and the imagery used to create a fantastic poem. Our focus books include John Patrick Norman McHennessey, Dear Teacher and The Slightly Annoying Elephant.

Maths

Pupils begin the year looking at numbers to 100, where they will be able to use place value and number facts to solve a problem and identify and estimate numbers to 100 using different representations. They will deepen their understanding of ordering numbers, identifying tens and ones of 2-digit numbers and begin to count in 2s and 5s. We will then apply this knowledge to addition and subtraction facts where we will begin to apply our knowledge to 2-digit addition and subtraction problems.

Phonics and Guided Reading: Some children in year 2 will begin the year with phonics during guided reading sessions in order to recap their phonics knowledge from year 1 and to develop fluency and comprehension. They will be grouped, supported and challenged according to individual progress. Some children will now be accessing guided reading instead of phonics. The book will be Flat Stanley.

Science

Pupils will learn the characteristics that all living things share as well as what is essential for keeping them alive and healthy. They will explore the differences between things that are alive, have been alive and those that have never been alive. Pupils will then develop their understanding of habitats, microhabitats and food chains. The children will then explore how some animals have adapted to their habitats.

Humanities - History

Pupils will learn about the life of Pocahontas with a focus on how we should remember her using artefacts of historical importance. This will include identifying what makes a story real or imaginary through investigating evidence such as artefacts and written records. We will explore why Pocahontas' life was important and what life was like for the Powhatan people.

Art

This half term, pupils will be investigating how maps can be used as a stimulus for drawing. Pupils will create a range of abstract maps through printmaking and creating a stained glass window effect. The children will begin to produce their design work using artistic vocabulary to annotate their ideas such as colour, line and tone.

Computing

This term, pupils will look at the many uses of IT including different types of computers. Pupils will recognise that technology follows instructions and will design an invention using inputs and outputs.

French

Pupils will learn 'les animaux' where they will discover 10 French words for different animals. They will also begin to apply 'le' and 'la' (the) correctly and use 'je suis...' (I am...).

Music

Pupils will be exploring pulse rhythm and pitch through the question: How does music help us to make friends? They will explore long and short and high and low sounds. As they listen to, sing, play and dance to the music in this unit, children will discuss these elements of music and how they work together.

RE

Pupils will build upon their learning of Christianity from Year 1 with a particular focus on the stories within the bible that display acts of kindness. They will focus on the kind acts demonstrated by Jesus towards his neighbours and friends.

PE

Pupils will develop their strength and flexibility in gymnastics through linking and performing sequences that include shapes, jumps and balances. Pupils will also develop their skipping, hopping, galloping, running and jumping skills; working towards games that require dodging.

PSHE

Pupils will learn about families and relationships. They will explore how expectations of manners can change and consider the views of others in friendship issues and other situations. They will also explore gender stereotypes in relation to careers.

Assembly themes: Children will learn about the value of **respect** this half term. They will also learn about the significance of Harvest Festivals for Christians and build upon their knowledge of The Wavendon Gate Way, our behaviour curriculum.

