



Year 2 Curriculum Overview Spring Term 2

English

The children will explore a range of grammar to support their writing skills including word classes, sentence types and coordinating (and, or, but, so) and subordinating (because, that, if, when) conjunctions.

Pupils will have many writing opportunities when learning about legends and fairy tales. Pupils will also look at non-chronological reports linked to our geography unit about the World. They will look at the different features and write their own.

Maths

This half term focuses on fractions. The unit introduces children to new vocabulary and builds on their prior knowledge of halves and quarters. They will look at both unit and non-unit fractions throughout the half term. Pupils will also use and continue to develop their knowledge of place value and the four arithmetic operations through explicit lessons on these as well as through word and reasoning problems involving fractions.

Guided reading texts: 'And Tango Makes Three' by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell plus 'The Children of Lir', 'Life Cycles', 'Humorous Poetry' and 'Moth: An Evolution Story'

Science

Children will be looking at human and animal life cycles. They will learn what animals need to survive and thrive at each stage of development.

Children will also gain knowledge about human health, hygiene and the benefits of exercise. Pupils will be honing their skills to work scientifically by measuring using scientific equipment, recording results in a table and using data to answer questions.

Humanities -Geography

This term, the children will look at different geographical characteristics of the UK. They will explore some of the World's most amazing places as well as the five oceans. The children will understand how to draw human and physical features on a map. Later on in the term, they will investigate local habitats and record their key findings in a bar chart.

Art and Design

This term, pupils will be learning Food Technology. We will start the unit by looking at what makes a balanced plate and a healthy diet. Using this knowledge, pupils will be taste testing to design a healthy wrap. Children will be exposed to different kitchen utensils and learn how to safely use them. At the end of term, the children will get to make, eat and evaluate their own wrap following a design criteria.

Computing

Pupils will explore what 'blocks' do, using the app 'ScratchJr,' by carrying out an informative cycle of predict, test and review. Pupils will get the opportunity to program a familiar story and an animation of an animal. Children will make their own musical instrument by recording sounds as well as following an algorithm to record a joke.

Music

This half term, pupils will be listening and responding creatively to music themed around space. They will be using musical terminology to describe the differences between songs, using songs to inform drawings, as well as creating pitch patterns and short compositions based on the planets.

RE

Children will be learning about prophets and understanding how people's opinions of prophets have changed over time. Pupils will explore the promises God has made and explore common prophets in Christian, Jewish and Muslim worldviews. Pupils will explore the Night Story and look at the role of a guru and how it may be similar to a prophet.

PE

For indoor PE, pupils will develop their skills in gymnastics including strength, balance and flexibility. They will work in groups to sequence their movements into a range of controlled and linked balances. In outdoor PE, pupils will advance their learning on using the correct techniques for jumping, hopping and skipping in a range of games.

PSHE

For PSHE, pupils will begin the Citizenship unit and will look at the importance of rules. They will also look at the role people have in making a difference to the school environment, the wider environment and also within the local community. They will explore the role of different people within communities too.

Assembly Themes Children will learn about the school value of **courtesy** this half term through our assemblies. They will also learn about the significance of Easter for Christians, Ramadan for Muslims and celebrate Comic Relief and World Book Day.