



Year 2 Curriculum Overview Summer Term 1 2024

English

This half term, children will develop their composition, grammar and spelling knowledge through both fiction and non-fiction writing. We will read books by Anthony Browne and use these as a stimulus for writing. Children will secure their knowledge of subordination and coordination, writing consistently in the correct tense and ensuring all sentences include the appropriate punctuation. Throughout the half term, children will continue to practise handwriting to ensure all letters are formed correctly and develop understanding of how to join some letters together.

Maths

In maths this half term, children will be introduced to fractions. Pupils will begin by consolidating their knowledge of parts and whole and will be able to recognise, find, name and write the fractions a half, a third, a quarter and three quarters. Pupils will also look at time and children will be able to tell and write the time to five minutes, including quarter past/to the hour and draw the hands on a clockface to show these time. Children will also be consolidating their knowledge of the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).

Guided reading texts: *The Hodgeheg* by D.King Smith and *Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure* by Alex T Smith

Science

This half term children will explore microhabitats. Children will learn to identify and name a variety of different plants, animals and minibeasts. Children will be able to describe the basic needs of plants and animals and the role of a botanist. Children will also hone their working scientifically skills of grouping, gathering and recording data.

Humanities - History

This half term the children will be learning about Ancient Egypt. They will locate Egypt on a map, discover the importance of the river Nile, understand how archaeology helps us to find out about the past, how hieroglyphics tell us about Ancient Egyptian life and lastly how Pharaohs were the Ancient Egyptian rulers.

Art

This half term we will learn about sculpture and 3D. The children will learn to use their hands to shape clay. They will move on to making impressions in the clay to add decorative features and learn joining techniques to join shapes together. The children will use their drawing skills to plan the features of a 3D model and then make a 3D clay tile from their design.

Computing

The half term, children will become familiar with stop motion animation. Children will create a flip book animation, decompose a story into smaller parts to plan a stop motion animation and create stop motion animations with small changes between images.

Music

Children will explore music that makes us dance and celebrate a range of music styles. They will be encouraged to move to the music that they listen to, sing and perform. Movement is an essential part of making music and children will begin to recognise how dance develops from this. 2A will begin practising their class assembly linked to our Ancient Egyptians humanities unit.

RE

This half term the children will be learning about Islam and prayer at home. The children will explore the idea of belonging and explore the role of the mosque for Muslims. The children will also consider 'Who do I believe I am?' and 'Does it feel special to belong?'. They will begin to think of their answer to the question: Does going to the mosque give Muslims a sense of belonging?

PE

In the 'team building' unit, children will learn how to work effectively as a team and the importance of communication and trust through a variety of different team activities and games. In the 'jumping' unit, children will learn how, why and when to jump effectively. They will also practise jumping in different scenarios to understand how to use jumping to their advantage.

PSHE

In the citizenship unit, children will learn that there are different rules in different situations. They will recognise that everyone has a role in looking after our school environment and the community. They will also learn about how the school council works and how to share their view on how to improve the school.

Assembly Themes

Children will learn about the value of **self-belief** this half term through our assemblies. They will also learn about St George, the patron saint of England and the Buddhist festival Vesak alongside celebrating International Dance Day.

