



Year 2 Curriculum Overview Spring Term 1 2024

English

Pupils will build on their knowledge of coordinating and subordinating conjunctions including; when, if, but and because. The children will develop their descriptive vocabulary and writing when delving into the fantasy story 'The Dragon Machine' by Helen Ward. They will revisit their learning on instructions using the wonderful book 'Instructions' by Neil Gaiman. We will learn how to use apostrophes for contractions and possession. The children will then study and write their own poetry.

Maths

Pupils will develop their understanding of money. They will begin to identify, count and compare coins and notes of differing amounts before moving onto calculations using money. They will apply their previous knowledge of addition and subtraction to this and extend to reasoning and word problems to deepen their understanding. We will move onto multiplication and division methods. The children will continue to develop their knowledge of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables focusing on securing efficient methods and rapid recall.

Guided reading texts: The Girl in the Window by N. Dhami and The owl who was afraid of the dark by Jill Tomlinson

Science

This half term we will focus on what it means to be healthy. The children will learn about nutrition and a balanced diet, looking at the different food groups (proteins, carbohydrates, fibre, fats, fruits and vegetables). They will also discuss the importance of exercise and personal hygiene. The children will also begin to understand that animals have offspring which grow into adults.

Humanities - History

The children will be learning about Britain in the 1940's. We will look at life in the 1940s and how this differed from before the Victorian Era and how it differs from today. They will find out about the impact of WW2, rationing, evacuees and Bletchley Park. They will also look at how schools, homes and toys have changed. We have an exciting visit to Bletchley Park planned for this half term too!

Art and Design

Children will experiment with mark-making and creating textures using a range of tools and media. They will develop their ideas by adding detail to their drawings and use their understanding of texture, line, shape and pattern to tell a story through their artwork including drawing facial expressions and creating scenes from their imagination.

Computing

Children will learn how to type on a computer. This will include the correct use of the spacebar and backspace as well as making simple alterations to text.

French

The children will learn: 'Les saisons'. We will learn the four seasons and an identifying feature for each. The children will learn how to say which is their favourite season.

Music

This half term, the children will be listening and responding to music behind the question: how does music make the world a better place? They will explore and express feelings through music and have lots of opportunities to listen, respond, sing, compose and perform to each other.

RE

This half term children will be learning about the Jewish faith and the celebration of Passover. They will learn the importance of the Seder Meal and why Jewish people follow God's rules. The children will develop their understanding of how the Jewish faith is followed and why.

PE

The focus of outdoor PE this term is for pupils to develop their jumping techniques and then apply these skills to competitions. For indoor PE, pupils will continue to develop their skills in gymnastics including strength, balance and flexibility through dance to the theme of a sweet shop.

PSHE

Children will learn about safety and the changing body. We will explore internet safety, the differences between secrets and surprises and using roads. Children will learn about the privacy of their own bodies and using medicines safely.

Assemblies: Children will learn about the value of **honesty** this half term through our assemblies. They will also learn about the significance of The Chinese New Year and how to be safe on the internet. Classes 5A, 5B and 4B will be performing their class assemblies to parents and their peers during this half term.