



Year 2 Curriculum Overview

Summer

This is an overview of what we will be learning in Year 2 this half term. You can find further curriculum information on the school website.

English

Reading:

In Guided Reading, the children will read and explore a range of carefully selected fiction, non-fiction and poetry extracts while developing key comprehension skills. They will focus on vocabulary, word choice & meaning, retrieval, comparison, inference, prediction and summarising, as well as discussing themes, author choices and how texts are structured.

Writing

This half term in English, children will begin by reading the story *Grandad's Secret Giant*. Children will explore a range of nouns, adjectives, expanded noun phrases and apostrophes for possession to write a character description. Following this, children will read *Lila and the Secret of Rain*. They will explore the past progressive tense as well as the suffixes -ful and -less. Based on this text, children will write a diary entry.

Spelling

This half term in spelling, children will learn the following spellings:

- 'l' spellings including 'le', 'el', 'il' and 'al'.
- Spelling 'o' after 'w' or 'qu'
- Spelling 'e' with 'ea'
- Spelling 'ch' using 'tch'
- 'or' spellings including 'or', 'oor', 'au', 'aw', 'ore', 'ough' and 'a'
- 'er' spellings including 'ir', 'ur', 'or' 'ear'.

Maths

Time

This half term, Year 2 children will be learning about time. They will begin by revising o'clock and half past before moving on to quarter past and quarter to. Children will then learn to tell the time past and to the hour, read times to the nearest 5 minutes, understand how many minutes are in an hour and how many hours are in a day, applying these skills to everyday situations.

Statistics

In this unit children will be learning how to collect, organise and interpret data. They will create tally charts, complete tables and use block diagrams to represent information. Children will then draw and interpret pictograms where symbols represent 1, 2, 5 and 10 items. Throughout the unit, they will answer questions, compare data and develop their problem-solving and reasoning skills.

Position and direction

Children will use mathematical language to describe position, movement and turns, including left, right, clockwise and anticlockwise. Children will follow and give directions, combine movement with turns and explore shape patterns involving turns, developing their spatial awareness and reasoning skills.

RE

Dialogue and Encounter

This half term in RE, Year 2 children will explore the parable of the Good Samaritan and consider what it teaches about being a good neighbour. They will learn how Jesus challenged people to show kindness, compassion and care to everyone, regardless of differences. Children will reflect on how they can put these values into practice in their own lives and communities. They will also learn about how Christians work together to support others through charities and community projects. In the Encounter unit, children will deepen their understanding of Judaism by exploring Shabbat, the Torah, Hebrew writing and how Jewish beliefs influence daily life.

Science

Plants (bulbs and seeds)

Children will learn about plant growth. They will explore the differences between bulbs and seeds, investigate what plants need to grow and carry out a planting investigation.

Growing up

Children will learn about living things and their life cycles. They will explore how animals, including humans, grow and change over time, beginning with parent and offspring relationships. Children will investigate the life cycles of humans, mammals, amphibians and butterflies, identifying the different stages of growth and development. They will compare life cycles across a range of animals and look for similarities and differences between them.

Humanities

This half term in Geography, children will learn about Kenya and its place within the continent of Africa. They will identify key human and physical features, including cities, rivers, mountains and savannahs. Children will compare life in Nairobi and London, exploring similarities and differences in homes, schools and daily routines. They will also discover what makes Kenya special by learning about its wildlife, culture and famous landscapes, including the Maasai Mara National Reserve.

PSHE/ RSE

In PSHE children will explore British Values through a range of activities and discussions. They will learn about different faiths and beliefs, celebrating similarities and differences between people. Children will discuss their feelings, make choices and understand the consequences of their actions while showing respect for others' ideas. They will learn about democracy by voting on class decisions and being introduced to the school council. Through creating a class charter and discussing fairness, children will understand why rules are important and begin to explore the difference between right and wrong.

Music

Friendship Song

This half term in Music, children will explore the song *Friendship Song* through listening, singing and performing. They will learn to find and keep the pulse by moving and clapping along to the music, as well as recognising different instruments and voices. The children will create and clap their own rhythms, including using their names and favourite things, and begin to sing in two parts. They will also play simple tunes on instruments using a small number of notes. At the end of the unit, the children will take part in a class performance, where they can add actions and reflect on how the music made them feel.

Computing

Data handling- International Space Station

This half term, children will be learning about space and life aboard the International Space Station (ISS). They will explore how astronauts meet their basic survival needs in space and identify essential items required for living there, including creating digital drawings. The children will develop their scientific skills by reading temperatures on a thermometer and interpreting data to consider whether a planet could support life. They will also design a display to show what needs to be monitored on the ISS and create simple algorithms to meet the needs of plants in space. Finally, they will learn about how space exploration can benefit life on Earth.

Art/D&T

This half term in Art, children will explore African art and develop a range of artistic skills. They will learn how to use a colour wheel to make thoughtful colour choices, experiment with pressure to create different tones and use paint to add definition and form to their work. Children will study artwork from different cultures, evaluate their own creations and identify ways to improve them. Through this unit, they will develop both their artistic techniques and appreciation of diverse artistic traditions.

How to help at home...

- Read with your child every night. Continue to revise the Set 2 and 3 sounds.
- Practice handwriting with your children, ensuring letters are correctly formed.
- Encourage your child to practice Numbots and Times Table Rockstars 3x a week.
- Practice Year 1 and 2 common exception words.

PE

Athletics

In this unit children will develop their athletics skills through a range of jumping and throwing activities. They will learn how to perform different types of jumps safely and effectively, improving their technique, balance, coordination and control. Children will explore ways to increase the height and distance of their jumps and throws, while learning the importance of warming up and staying safe. They will also develop teamwork, creativity and sportsmanship by sharing equipment, supporting others and demonstrating the school games values.