

Literacy

The focus in Year 2 is on developing the pace and content of children's work when writing. They will also be expected to apply their phonic knowledge to aid spelling.

Reading comprehension is a key skill in Year 2. There will be a focus on this throughout the year.

Genres studied will include:

- Instructions – writing a list of instructions
- Retelling stories by Julia Donaldson of and writing similar stories

Science

Support your children develop their scientific enquiry by exploring the great outdoors! Our topics this term cover the following areas:

- Plants and growth- investigating what plants need
- Living things and their habitats- learning about the basic needs of different animals, food chains and their homes

Maths

We will be developing our learning in Maths through practical problem solving. This will help to consolidate and extend understanding of the Key Stage 1 Curriculum.

Topics to be covered include:

- Place value
- Adding and subtracting one and two digit numbers
- Multiplying using knowledge of 2, 5 and 10 times table
- Developing accurate and efficient methods to calculate using all four operations
- Mental maths skills and strategies
- Describe and identify properties of 2D & 3D shape

Year 2

Autumn Term 2015



Art/DI

- Fine art techniques
- Collage
- Print making
- Textiles- making a flag for a country

Computing

- Editing, saving and retrieving work
- Give simple instructions – Roamer, online turtle

Religious Education

- Religious stories and parables
- People who help us
- Remembrance
- Celebrations- Hannukah and Christmas

PSHE/Citizenship

- Class charter-rights
- Relationships and sharing
- Cultures and festivals
- Friendship, fairness, bullying and respect

Humanities

We will be developing our knowledge of the world around us. In Geography, we will be locating oceans, continents and countries. Whereas in History, we will be learning about our local area's past.

One of the main focuses in Year 2 is to be independent, please support this at home.

Please refer to your child's Reading Record and feel free to use this as a way to communicate with your class teacher, alongside the daily reading comments.

Spellings will be issued and tested on a Friday.

Home learning will be set every two weeks on a Friday.

Learning logs will be set half termly.

Please encourage your child to read daily and complete their Reading Diary.

The PE timetable is flexible; please ensure that children will have their PE kits in everyday for an indoor and an outdoor lesson each week.

Games/PE

The focus this term will be on personal fitness, team work and agility, balance and co-ordination:

- Ball skills
- Outdoor activity challenges
- Gymnastics

Music

- Performing – using instruments (strings)
- Singing, listening and appraising

We will provide instruments for use in these lessons.

Phonics

We will keep practising spelling words using the graphemes learnt in Year 1.

We will also be:

- Learning alternative ways to spell different sounds
- Revision of all sounds
- Apply phonic knowledge to reading
- Apply phonic knowledge to writing

Visits

We are hoping to plan visits linked to this term's topics. We will confirm times and dates in the near future.