

This half term Year 1/2 are learning about:

Incredible Me!



English

Year 1

In English, Year 1 will be revising previously taught phonics sounds and will be looking at the story 'Little Daisy' by Pie Corbett. This story is about a girl who takes some food to her Grandmother's house but meets a few hungry characters along the way. We will learn to retell this story using a story map and begin to write simple sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will then be learning the poem 'Colour' by Christina Rossetti where we will look at adjectives and create a rhyming string: cat, mat, hat, sat etc.

Year 2

In English, Year 2 are reading the story 'Super Me'. This is a book about a boy who wears a mask to help him overcome his fears until he develops the confidence to be brave without the mask! Children will be designing their own mask and will talk about nouns when doing so. We will also focus on the use of expanded noun phrases to make our writing more interesting for the reader. We will use this book to create our own superhero story. After this, we will be learning the poem 'Hands' by Julia Donaldson, focusing on rhyming couplets and verbs.

History

This half term we will be learning about The Gunpowder Plot! We will learn what happened during the Gunpowder plot, who was involved and the key historical events. We will create a timeline of events and gain an understanding of why we celebrate this historical event every year during Bonfire Night.

Maths



Year 1

This half term, Year 1 will be looking at understanding the value of numbers to 10, including 0. We will be able to order, compare and understand all numbers to 10 and work with them fluently and accurately. We will then move on to learning about number bonds within 10 and recall them quickly. We will look at addition and subtraction within 10 using concrete materials and pictorial representations to help us solve them. We will also be learning about 2D and 3D shapes and measurement.

Year 2

In Year 2, we will start by learning numbers up to 100. We will develop our understanding of place value up to 100 and rediscover how to order numbers from smallest to largest and vice versa. We will then look at methods to solve addition and subtraction within 100. Just before half term, we will begin to look at multiplication and begin to recall our 2-, 5-, and 10-times tables.

Science



In Science, in Year 1, children will be learning about the human body and our senses. In Year 2, we will be learning about our bodies, how we grow and change, the basic needs for human beings and how to keep healthy (diet, fitness and hygiene).

Art



Year 1

We will be learning about the artist Van Gogh and his last self-portrait. We will be looking at how to draw our own self-portraits using pencils and other mediums to create our artwork.

Year 2

We will be learning about the artist L.S. Lowry and his famous 'matchstick men'. We will be looking carefully at how to draw our school building in his style and using chalk and other mediums to create our artwork.

PE



Year 1

This half term our topics are 'SAQ' and 'Dance'. Please bring indoor and outdoor kit and leave your child's kit in school all week.

Year 2

This half term's topics are 'Dance' and 'SAQ'. Please bring indoor and outdoor kit and leave your child's kit in school all week.

PE kits
needed
Monday to
Friday

Things to do at home

- Regular reading with your child and practising recognising tricky words and how to spell them. When they have finished the book, ask them questions about what they have read.
- Practise counting wherever you go.
- Writing about your day, making up stories or comic strips.
- Year 2 are to complete a homework activity each week (in their homework books or on Purple Mash) and hand this in every Wednesday.
- Check Class Dojo regularly for updates.

RE/PSHE



In Year 1, we will be learning about God's love and care for every family. We will be thinking about our own families and recognise things we say and do to make a happy home. Our second topic is all about the Sacrament of Baptism and that Baptism is an invitation to belong to God's family.

In Year 2, we will be learning about new beginnings. We will be thinking about our own new beginnings and how our emotions change through these experiences. We will then learn the creation story and think about how the world was made. Our second topic is Signs and Symbols where we will identify these in a Baptism and learn the significance behind them.

Key Vocabulary

This term, Year 1 and 2 are learning the following words:

- gunpowder
- senses
- diet
- adjectives
- hygiene
- sketching
- pulse/
spreadsheet

Computing



Year 2 will start the term by learning about the importance of Online Safety. Afterwards, they will be learning how to use spreadsheets and developing skills to cut, paste, edit and copy data.

Music



Year 1 will be listening, appraising and learning 'In the Groove' and 'Round and Round' by Joanna Mangona, focussing upon identifying different genres of music and instruments. We will be moving our bodies to the pulse of the music and using our voices to create high and low pitch sounds.