

This half term Year 2 are learning about:



English

In English this term, we are reading a variety of books including 'Jeremy worried about the wind', 'Elephant in my Kitchen' and 'Bog Baby'. We will be focusing on the language features of description, stories and recounts. We will be revising capital letters and full stops within our independent writing as well as using various word classes such as expanded noun phrases and conjunctions. Handwriting will be a focus as we continue to develop our handwriting skills and begin to join letters for cursive writing.

In reading time, we will be finishing 'The Magic Faraway Tree' before starting 'The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me' by Roald Dahl. In spellings, we are revising homophones and will be revisiting using an apostrophe for possession.

Mathematics



In Mathematics, this term we will be learning about volume. It involves pupils comparing volume, measuring in litres and millilitres, and solving word problems associated with volume. After that, we will be learning about statistics. In this unit of work, pupils will learn how to read, interpret, analyse and construct their own picture graphs with confidence.

We will also be learning about money, looking at notes and coins and understanding their values. We will then be revising all four calculations and applying these to real world problems.

As always, we will be revising our number bonds to 10 and 20 and getting quicker at our 2-, 5- and 10-times tables.

History: Intrepid Explorers

In this unit, children will look in depth at the lives of Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. They will find out why these explorers are famous and what impact they had on the lives of people in the past and how this has impacted our lives today. Children will make comparisons between the two explorers.

Science: Animals Including Humans

In Science, children will learn that humans are classed as a type of animal. We will recap what makes something living. We will also match adult animals to their offspring and focus on the lifecycles of chickens, butterflies, humans, sheep and frogs. During this unit, children will be encouraged to ask questions, explaining their ideas using simple scientific vocabulary.

Art

In Art, we are going to look at sculpture, focussing on the artist Michelle Reader. We will look at her work and then have a go at creating a sculpture. We will then study and learn her technique before creating a final product.

PE

We will be focussing upon developing our gymnastics skills and we will be introducing the springboard. We will also be introducing the children to a team-based sport called kwik cricket. This will build upon the ball skills learnt in the last unit.

Please can you make sure that your child has the appropriate kit for indoor and outdoor PE and that it is in school each week.

Key Vocabulary

This term, some of the words that we will be learning in Year 2 include:

sculpture
offspring
exploration
reproduce
responsibility

Things to do at home:

- ❖ Regular reading with your child.
- ❖ Practise counting to 100 forwards and backwards.
- ❖ Practise counting forwards and back in 2s, 3s, 5s, 10s.
- ❖ Complete weekly homework.

RE



We begin the topic 'Spread the Word'. Here we will look at Pentecost and spreading the Gospel message through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We will also begin the topic 'Rules', where we will learn ways in which people say sorry and forgive each other because they follow Jesus.

We will continue to have weekly Lectio Divina and Liturgical Prayer in class, which is led by pupils and our mission of the week will also be shared during our Mission Circles.

PSHE

In Circle Time this term, children will find out about the different roles and responsibilities people have in their community. We will recognise the ways in which we are the same and different to others. We will also discuss what to do if we feel unsafe or worried for ourselves or others: who to ask for help and vocabulary to use when asking for help.

RSE

The RSE module is called 'Let the children come'. We will learn that we are created individually by God and we can thank God for his love. We will learn how we are unique and individuals. In another module we will learn about recognising our feelings and emotions and also about keeping our bodies healthy.