

This half term Year 2 are learning about:

English



In English, our new book is called 'The Dragon Machine' by Helen Ward. Children will be creating a dragon guide, exploring both descriptive and positional language. We will then be writing a letter and own version of the 'dragon machine' story. We will then be reading 'Toys in space' by Mini Grey. We will begin by the children discovering a box of lost toys which has mysteriously landed in the classroom. Children hypothesise about where the toys could have come from before creating 'found' posters. Children are then given a variety of meaningful writing opportunities throughout the series of lessons, including giving advice and creating a space log to document the adventure into unknown territory. Finally, they will write an extended fantasy story of their own.

We have also started our new Little Wandle spelling scheme where the children are introduced to spelling rules, this follows on from our phonics and teaches the children to apply these rules to their writing.

History: Intrepid Explorers

In history, our new unit is called Intrepid Explorers. In this unit, we will learn about the life of explorers, their travels and discoveries and the impact this had on the wider world. We will learn about Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. We will be using our enquiry skills to ask questions and use simple texts to find out about people who lived long time ago.

Mathematics



In Mathematics, we will begin the term with a week on temperature where the children will read thermometers and compare temperatures to each other using $<$, $>$ or $=$. We will then move on to learning how to measure the volume of a container. The children will be comparing volume, measuring in litres and millilitres, and solving word problems associated with volume. The children will then learn how to read and record information on pictograms. Before finally, revising their addition and subtraction knowledge.

In Maths Mastery, we will continue to build the children's fluency with number. We will begin by identifying that 100 can be composed of ten 10s. Children will compare number lines showing 0–10 and 0–100, and reason about the position of the multiples of 10 in relation to multiples of 1 (the 'counting numbers') within 10. This will also link the midpoint of 5 to the midpoint of 50. We will then continue our work on calculation across 10, this will build on previous learning and involve numbers within 100.

Science: Plants

In science, our new unit is all about plants. We will be learning about how to identify different plants, the difference between a seed and a bulb and what a plant needs to grow healthy and strong. The children will be planting their own plants and taking part in investigations, growing plants in a range of different conditions. They will be making predictions and observing changes.

Art/DT

In art, our new unit is all about sculpture. We will focus on the work of Michelle Reader who is a local sculptor who trained at De Montfort University but now lives and works in London. In this unit, we will use clay to sculpt animals using the pinch pot technique. The children will add recycled materials to their sculpture like Michelle.

PE

In PE, our new unit is cricket. For this unit, the children will be outside so will need an appropriate PE kit.

This can include a black sweatshirt and black jogging bottoms.

In this unit, the children will develop their throwing and catching skills needed for playing striking and fielding games. They will learn how to strike a ball with more control and how to pass a ball in different ways.

Key Vocabulary

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

rhythm
explorer
sculpt
reconciliation
multiple
conjunction

Things to do at home:

- ❖ Regular reading with your child.
- ❖ Listening to music and asking your children about the rhythm of the piece.
- ❖ Encouraging your child to use the grow the code chart when writing.

RE

The first RE topic is called 'Spread the Word'.

In this unit, we will learn about the importance of the Easter message and the coming of the Holy Spirit. We will also learn about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and how we can use them in everyday life.

Next in RE, we will learn about Islam in our other faiths week.

In this unit, the children will learn about the importance of prayer for Muslims.

Finally, we will begin our next unit which is called 'Rules'. In this unit we will begin to learn all about reconciliation.



PSHE

In our circle times this half term we will be thinking about our emotions, how we are similar and different to others and online safety. We continue to have our Mission circles twice a week, please look out for the theme of the week on Class Dojo.

Music



In Music, we continue to learn, perform and share the 'Friendship Song'. The children will learn about rhythm, pitch and composition. They will learn the song and then play a basic accompaniment using the glockenspiels.