

Year 2 are learning about:

English



This term in our English unit, we will start with 'Grandad's Camper' by Harry Woodgate. The children begin by exploring a dusty memory box which contains objects. They will create labels for the items and then explore the concept of memories by thinking about how things special to them. Following this, children will create expanded noun phrases to enhance their descriptive writing and use these to support them in writing poetry about an object which holds a special memory to them.

In our second unit, we will continue our work on 'Tadpole's Promise' by Jeanne Wills. In these lessons, we will explore the story and use this to write our own version. We will then write an information text about the life cycle of a frog.

We will continue to follow our spelling scheme, learning and applying the spelling rules.

Geography: Life in the City

In this unit, children will explain what a city is and name some of the capital cities of the world. They will explore the physical and human features of Edinburgh and Cape Town and compare similarities and differences between the two. They will look at aerial photos and explore how maps are designed and created.

Maths



In Mathematics this half term, we are learning to tell the time. We will be revising o'clock and half past before moving on to quarter past.

After this, we will be measuring in centimetres and metres and looking to see how heavy objects are in our topic on mass.

We will continue to revise our four operations during Morning Work, and we will also continue to practise recalling our 2-, 5- and 10-times table so that we know the answers off-by-heart. We will also continue our Mastering Number project to strengthen our knowledge of number and calculation.

Science

In this unit, we will be exploring and comparing the differences between things that are living, things that are dead and things that have never been alive. We will identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other. We will identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including micro-habitats. We will describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food.

DT: Wheels and Axels

In DT, children will explore how wheels move. They will identify what stops a wheel from turning and design a moving vehicle. They will then build a moving vehicle, meeting design criteria and will evaluate their final product, suggesting improvements.

PE

In PE this half term, we will be focusing on game skills and gymnastics. The children will be practicing changing speed and direction while running. They will throw, catch and bounce a ball with a partner and throw different types of equipment in different ways for accuracy and distance. We will apply our skills in a game of dodgeball. In gymnastics, we will continue to develop our rolls, jumps, balances and ways of travelling styles and will begin to use gymnastics equipment.

PE days are Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure PE kits including correct shoes are in school for those days and jewellery is removed.

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.
- Practise multiplication and division facts, especially 2's, 5's and 10's.
- Learn to spell Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Words.
- Practise addition and subtraction sums using known strategies.

RE



We will continue our unit called 'Thanksgiving', where we look at the Eucharist and parts of the Mass. As part of this unit, we will retell the story of the Last Supper.

We will also spend a week learning about another faith - Hinduism. After that, we will start the topic called 'Opportunities'. Here we will look at the events, religious actions and symbols of Lent and Holy Week and develop our understanding of these important days within the Liturgical Year. Children will recognise and retell the events of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Music

Year 2 have started their new Music unit 'Friendship Song.' During this unit, children will listen to and appraise different songs linked to the theme of friendship. They will then practise compositions that they have created themselves and work towards a final performance using glockenspiels.

Key Vocabulary

This term, Year 2 are learning the following words:

- opportunities
- axels
- aerial
- city
- rhythm

PSHE

Our themes for Lent 2 are as follows: Belonging, Temperance, Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving, Sacrifice and Journey. The children have a mission each week to live out after they have discussed the topics within their groups. The children will also have a chance to deepen their understanding of our weekly mission through Mission Circles and Circle Time.