

This half term Year 2 are learning about:



English

In English, we will begin the year reading book, 'Jim and the Beanstalk' by Raymond Briggs. Children discover and learn the story and retell it to one another. Children then use their knowledge of the sequel to initially innovate and then create their own sequel to another well-known fairytale. Our second unit will be based around the book, 'Wolves' by Emily Gravett. We will use this book to learn about fiction and non-fiction and create a non-chronological report about wolves. The children will focus on writing simple facts about wolves.

The children will continue to receive their reading books each week which is linked to their phonics level – please ensure you listen to your child read these books at home.

We will review our Phase 5 sounds in phonics identifying alternative graphemes.



History – Seaside Holidays

This half term we will be learning about what seaside holidays were like in the past. The children will explore the features of seaside holidays using photographs as a prompt. They will identify key vocabulary associated with the seaside and discuss activities that people might do during a seaside holiday. We will then be using old photographs to explore what seaside holidays were like 100 years ago, the steam train (people used to visit the seaside) and the differences in holidays today to the past.

Maths



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 questions within 100, using our tens and ones method. The children will continue to hone their arithmetic skills through Morning Work sessions.

We will also continue with Mastering Numeracy in order to strengthen our knowledge of number and calculation.

Science– Animals including humans

In Science, we will be learning the basic needs for human beings and how to keep healthy (diet, fitness, and hygiene). We will be learning about the importance for humans to exercise, eat the right amount of different types of food, and keeping ourselves clean and hygienic. We will also investigate how germs are spread from person to person and begin to make simple predictions.



Art



Our focus this half term is drawing. We will be learning about the artist L.S. Lowry and his famous 'matchstick men'. We will be exploring the different media he uses in his artwork and looking carefully at how he uses lines. We will use this knowledge to draw our school building in his style and using chalk and other mediums to create our artwork.

PE



This half term's topics are 'Dance' and 'Athletics'.

Dance - We will be learning to perform dances using simple movement patterns as well as learning different actions in time to music and perform a sequence of moves.

Athletics - We will be learning to master basic movements including running, jumping, throwing, and catching, as well as developing balance, agility, and co-ordination, and begin to apply these in a range of activities.

Our PE days are Wednesday and Friday.

Please bring indoor and outdoor kit and leave your child's kit in school all week.

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. Reading books will be changed every Thursday-sent home Friday.
- Practise counting wherever you go.
- Practice 2's, 5's and 10 times tables
- Year 2 are to complete a homework activity each week – these will consist of a timetables and spelling activity. These can be found in your child's reading folder. Reading Folders with reading books should be brought to school every day and homework will be due to hand in every Friday.
- Check Class Dojo regularly for updates.

RE



We will begin the school year recalling our School Mission and how we live this out at home and school. We will also learn more about Bishop Patrick's Spiritual themes and our class Saint Blessed Jordan of Saxony.

We are starting the new RED curriculum which is called 'To know you more clearly'. In this first Branch 'Creation to Covenant' we explore the parts of the Bible and learn about the special covenant Noah made with God. We learn about the Creation story and how we can be Stewards of God's Creation. We also will learn that Pope Francis wrote a letter, 'Laudato Si', about the gift of Creation and the importance of caring for the world as it is everyone's home

Key Vocabulary

This term, Year 2 are learning the following words:

- seaside
- senses
- diet
- adjectives
- stewardship
- sketching

Personal Development

The first 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.

Mission Circles

Our Mission Circle themes for Advent I are as follows: Welcome, Encounter, Patience, Work, Prudence, Rosary and Inclusion. 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 regular worship opportunities such as Lectio Divina and Child Led Celebrations of the Word.