

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Year 2 - Autumn Term



READING

For children who are confident in their phonics learning, the focus for the teaching of reading in Year 2 is largely on building fluency through modelled reading, shared reading and reading well known texts independently. The children will develop their retrieval, prediction and inference skills during these reading lessons. Daily story time sessions will include the magical books: An Emotional Menagerie, The Invisible, The Hodgeheg and The Enchanted Wood.



WRITING

Our creative fiction units for the autumn term will start with the amazing texts: Tell Me a Dragon, The Night Dragon and Issun Boshi. Children will extend their descriptive strategies to using precise verbs, adverbs and commas in lists. The non-fiction units will consolidate Geography learning with a unit on instructions and History lessons with a unit on the Romans. Handwriting will be taught daily as an explicit part of writing lessons.



MATHS

Maths learning, in this first term, will begin with recapping and extending learning on place value. 2 digit numbers will be explored with children representing numbers to 100 using 10s and 1s. Children will also learn to count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10. Number bonds to 20 and related facts are then taught alongside adding and subtracting using the children's knowledge of place value to 100.



SCIENCE

The term will begin with the children learning more about The Human Body. The skeletal system, muscular system, digestive system and circulatory system are explored and children will begin to understand that a system is a group of parts that work together to create a function. Habitats will be the focus of the Living Things and their Environments unit where more about deserts, rainforests and meadows will be discovered.



HISTORY

Children will begin to learn about the Romans in Britain. They will explore what a Roman soldier looked like through art, what life was like in Roman Britain, the invasions of the Romans and how life changed after the fall of the Roman Empire.



GEOGRAPHY

Through the Spatial Sense unit, children will explore the different map types (e.g. local area maps, continent maps and world maps), the information those maps give us and the different symbols you might find on a map.



ART

Colour and Shape are explored in our first unit. Children will learn about primary and secondary colours, tints and shades, geometric and organic shapes and recognise these in works of art by Kandinsky, Picasso and Monet. We then move on to Colour Shape and Texture where children explore Matisse and Jan van Eyck and how they conveyed feeling through art. Children will create their own cut-out art pieces.



DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Pizzas are explored in the autumn term. Children will discover that pizzas come from Naples in Italy and were a cheap food to be eaten in the street. They will create their own pizzas by mixing and kneading dough, choosing and chopping their own toppings before baking. Finally, the children will get to taste their mouth watering pizzas and evaluate their work.



PSHE

Being Me in My World will be explored in this first unit. Children will learn about their rights and responsibilities, understand why some choices are better than others and know that their behaviour can impact others. They will move onto Celebrating Differences where they will learn about assumptions and stereotypes and how people can get bullied because they are seen to be different.



RELIGION & WORLDVIEWS

Sacred Places will be explored in this first unit with children learning that certain places are special to people who belong to specific religions. The children will visit a local church as part of their learning. The Life of Jesus is discovered in the next unit. Children will learn through stories that Christians believe that Jesus was a teacher, a healer and the Son of God.



COMPUTING

Computing Systems and Networks will be explored during our first unit. The children will recognise features of IT, the uses of IT in school and at home and how to use IT safely. Digital Photography is then discovered with children making decisions when taking photographs and using tools to improve images.



PE

Games is the focus for the whole of the autumn term. The children will learn hand-eye coordination, precision in their movements, and strategic thinking through participating in various team games. These games will also promote teamwork, communication, and sportsmanship.



MUSIC

First, the children will look at rhythmic Ostinatos by studying Ravel's Boléro. They will then practice imitating rhythms with a variety of speeds and recreating rhythmic ostinatos using words and body percussion. Children will also explore Beat Music and look at the famous group the Beatles. They will discover how melody can be accompanied by instruments in a band and create their own accompaniment for Yellow Submarine.



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Challenge



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