

Year 2 Curriculum Overview

Autumn 1 2023

English

Text and genres: Children will be focusing on the book, 'Dear Teacher', where they will create their own pieces of writing based on the text. They will write a range of texts based on the book, for example formal and informal letters and postcards. We will also be learning to write character descriptions.

Reading: This year, children will continue with their phonics and guided reading lessons. Year 2 will continue to develop their reading fluency and will be practising using different reading skills including summarising, retrieval and prediction.

Grammar and punctuation: In this half term, children will consolidate how to use capital letters and full stops accurately. They will then learn to use the conjunctions 'because' and 'so' to link shorter sentences together. Children will learn what an adjective is and will use these adjectives to write sentences with description.

Reminders

Please ensure your child is reading every night and that their reading record is signed.

PE days are Tuesday and every other Thursday.

Homework will be sent home on a Thursday and must be returned by the following Tuesday.

Maths

Number and Place Value - Year 2 children will build on their Maths learning from last year, and consolidate their understanding of place value of each digit in a two-digit number. They will compare and order numbers, and use place value and number facts, like number bonds to 10, to help them solve addition and subtraction problems within 100.

Addition and Subtraction - Children will explore mental and written strategies to solve numerical problems - including bridging, calculating addition and subtraction problems involving single-digit numbers and 2-digit numbers and learning to use mathematical resources, e.g. bead strings, 1-100 grid and coins, to help answer questions.

Key vocabulary: place value, tens, ones, addition, sum, total, altogether, subtraction, take away, difference, left, remaining, comparing, ordering,

Other subjects:

R.E- How do people show their beliefs and values?

PSHE - Keeping and Staying Safe, Road Safety

PE - Games

Art - sketching, painting & collage (London landmarks).

Computing - Creating pictures.

Science

We will be looking at 'Living Things and their Habitats'. We will explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. We will identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats. We will describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of living organisms. We will learn about animals' diets using food chains as well as conducting our own survey to investigate the most popular place for animals to live.

Key vocabulary: living, non-living, plant, animal, habitat, micro-habitat, water, light, temperature, air, basic needs, consumers, predators, producers, carnivores, herbivores, omnivores

Geography

This half term, Year 2 will be learning all about countries, continents and oceans. The children will begin by learning about the seven continents and the five oceans. They will then find out all about the different countries within each continent. This will include researching about the four countries that make up the United Kingdom. They will finish the half term by comparing an Eastern European country to England, looking at their human and physical features.

Key vocabulary: Asia, Australia, Africa, Europe, North America, South America, Equator, Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Arctic, Southern, capital cities, population, currency, climate,