



Year 2 Autumn Curriculum Overview



We are delighted to welcome our Year 2 children back after our summer holiday – we hope you have had a lovely one. We can't wait to get our learning started! This year, we are continuing with our exciting, thematic approach to teaching. This allows children to make connections between areas of learning and consolidate skills. All the themes chosen deliver the programmes of study for the National Curriculum. PSHEe, R.E and Science will be taught discreetly.

Maths:

We will be introducing 'Maths Mastery' this year to Year 2. Mastering maths means pupils of all ages acquiring a deep, long-term, secure and adaptable understanding of the subject. Children will have a daily maths lesson that reinforces learning and allows children to take on new skills and apply these in a range of contexts. Once a week, children will have an arithmetic session, focusing on the 4 operations. The daily maths lesson is structured to include mental skills, teaching points, independent learning and reflection time.

Children work individually, in pairs and as a group to solve calculations and problems. This term we will be focusing on numbers 10 to 100, calculations within 20, fluently adding and subtracting within 10 as well as addition and subtraction of two-digit numbers. Children will also have four 10- 15 minutes Mastering Number sessions each week becoming secure within 10 and fluent in an appropriate strategy for working within 20.

English:

In English, children will continue to practise spelling, grammar, handwriting and punctuation while applying this knowledge in stories, information texts and poems. Throughout the year, children will work towards securing their punctuation when writing and will be encouraged to use expanded noun phrases when adding description to their writing. Expanded noun phrases give more detail about the noun i.e. rather than 'The crocodile swam in the water.' we encourage children to expand on the nouns using adjectives (describing words) so the sentence could become, 'The hungry, green crocodile swam slowly in the warm, shallow water. Children will also continue to secure the use of conjunctions in their writing. Conjunctions are joining words such as and, because, so, but, if, when etc. and they are used to expand or join ideas.

RE

During the term we will be exploring Stories of Moses and how they are important to Jewish and Christian people.

Thematic

Our thematic units are cross-curricular, covering all the traditional subjects as well as more contemporary areas of study such as sustainability and well-being.

Inter-Nation
Media
Station



Our first theme this term will be 'Inter-Nation Media Station'.

"Inter-Nation Media Station" is a thematic unit, based on media and broadcasting, with a key focus on history, through which pupils will learn about early methods of communication, leading to the invention of both the television and radio. Children will develop their own communication and oracy skills by creating their own broadcasts.



Our second theme will see us joining Paddington Bear on his travels around the world. 'Paddington's Passport' is a thematic unit with a geography focus. We will look first at Peru, including the Amazonian rainforest (of which Peru has the second-largest portion after the Brazilian Amazon). Then, the focus is on London, reinforcing previous learning about the UK within the global context of continents and oceans. Towards the end of the term, children will also learn about Elizabeth Blackwell, who was the first female to qualify as a doctor in the USA.

P.E

This term children will learn how to use their bodies and equipment with greater control and coordination. We will be developing our skills as gymnasts, as well as our throwing and catching in multi-skills.

PSHEe

Our focus this term will be on Relationships. Children will have the opportunity to discuss their thoughts and voice opinions on managing their feelings, friendships and asking for help. Children will learn about safe relationships, managing secrets, resisting pressure and recognising hurtful behaviours. They will explore how to recognise things in common and differences; playing together and ensure they have respect for themselves and others.

Science

We are Scientists in Year 2! Children will focus on 'Plants'. They will describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants as well as finding out and exploring what plants need. They will work scientifically by observing growth of a plant over time.

