

## LITERACY

During phonics sessions the children will continue to progress at their own phase level as a whole school. If ready, we will start to introduce more complex spelling rules in order to encourage the children to spell more accurately rather than phonetically.

This term the children will be looking at stories with familiar settings with elements of fantasy! Their learning will be based around some exciting books and they will start to write for differing purposes. There will be a continued focus letter formation, whilst starting to introduce cursive writing. The children will be encouraged to write at greater length using more ambitious language, grammar and sentence structure.

## HISTORY

**What has been the most significant change in the recent past?**

In the first half of the Autumn Term topic lessons will be history based. The children will be learning about historical changes in living memory and slightly beyond. This will teach them about homes, toys, technology and much more and how they have changed over time! This topic allows children to start to understand time lines and how to order chronologically as well as sort artefacts and pictures into past and present. We will focus on using the correct historical language and have some fun looking at what our teachers and parents looked like and played with when they were in children!

## PE

During outside lessons Year 2 will develop their understanding of different ways of travelling and different types of jumps. They will learn to travel at different speeds and develop an understanding of when these speeds are most useful. By using different pathways and moving in different directions, the children will explore how to use working space in PE. Inside, the children will have the opportunity to learn and practise a variety of skills, including rolls, jumps and balances. The children will develop their control, agility and coordination in these fun gymnastic lessons.

## MATHS

Maths lessons this term will be consolidating and extending the children's prior learning. Lessons will be based around place value, the number system, adding and subtracting to 100 - including counting in 3s and adding 2 two-digit numbers! The children will continue to self-assess and progress at their own pace, whilst being encouraged to solve deeper thinking and problem-solving questions.

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## PSHCE

Along with celebrated national events, Year 2 will be learning about keeping and staying safe and how to be a hazard spotter during our PSHCE sessions. After half term PSCE will be all about healthy bodies and what constitutes a healthy lifestyle.

## GEOGRAPHY

**Where is our school?**

In the second half of the Autumn Term our topic will be Geography based. The children will start to learn about the world, starting with their immediate environment and building on their prior knowledge from last year's lessons. Children will explore their school environment using first-hand observation and experience to enhance their awareness along with essential map skills and fieldwork. Year 2 will continue to use geographical language to accurately describe locations and learn how to reach these locations using map skills.

## SCIENCE

**What makes different types of animals unique?**

In the first half of the term the children will learn about five of the groups that scientists use to classify animals: mammals, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians. They will learn to identify the group an animal belongs to by its features and will classify animals according to their group. They will also learn about the different diets animals eat. Children will learn about the parts of the human body and have the opportunity to explore the five senses through a simple investigation. After half term the children will look at seasonal changes between Autumn and Winter. They will learn what the word weather means and find out how different types of weather can be measured - even setting up our own class weather station!

## ART

This term in art, the children will revisit primary colours and explore how to create secondary colours. They will learn about the artist Kandinsky, eventually producing work in his style using chalk and oil pastels and use their new skills in colour mixing to create aliens in line with their English topic, Beegu.

## COMPUTING

In Computing lessons this term we will continue to develop the children's computing skills using the online learning platform Purple Mash. The children will be focusing on independence and confidence when navigating around a computer without adult support. Year 2 will be introduced to coding and debugging programs in the Autumn term, as well as using the Chromebooks in English lessons to create a newspaper!

## RE

**Why are rules and routines so important?**

Year 2 will learn why we have rules and routines and how they help us in our everyday lives. The children then will learn about rules and routines from the viewpoint of different religions: Christianity, Judaism, Islam and Sikhism. Towards the end of the unit, children are introduced to humanism and the beliefs of humanists.