

Year 2 - Spring Term Curriculum Information

Please find below the learning focus and skills your child will be taught this term. Your discussions at home will really help your child's learning.

English

Speaking and Listening— To talk about favourite characters and books giving reasons for choice.

Reading— Read a range of books by the same author. Mairi Hedderwick's 'Katie Morag' stories will link to Geography topic on 'Island Homes.' Read books by a significant author which will include Julia Donaldson.

Writing— Children will write stories, character descriptions and reviews based on Katie Morag stories and Julia Donaldson books. They will also write a range of texts based on pirates and superheroes.

Maths

In maths the children will be learning about the value of coins and how to combine them to make different amounts. They will be identifying a range of fractions and will find fractions of numbers. The children will be identifying and describing a range of 2D and 3D shapes. They will be learning to read the time and solving time related word problems, including calculating time intervals. They will also be revisiting addition and subtraction to consolidate their understanding of a range of written and mental methods and beginning to look at capacity and temperature.

Science

MATERIALS ~ Using previous knowledge of properties of different materials, the children will plan and carry out investigations relating to waterproof materials and floating and sinking.

ANIMALS INCLUDING HUMANS~ They will also investigate the life cycles and needs of animals and humans and consider the factors of a healthy lifestyle.



Geography

ISLAND HOMES ~ Through our theme of the Katie Morag stories the children will be considering the idea that the world extends outside their locality. We will look at similarities and differences between the two lifestyles. They will learn how to locate important landmarks on a map and how to use a key effectively. We will also discover the important buildings and jobs in different locations.

History

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE ~ The children will be introduced to Florence Nightingale as a prominent figure in history, discovering why she became famous by recounting the important events in her life. They will use information from pictures of the past and learn about the conditions in hospitals at the time and be able to compare these to present day.

Art

3D SCULPTURES ~ The children will learn how to record from first hand observation of objects. They will create a fruit sculpture using a plan they create and decorate it using appropriate colours. They will then evaluate their own sculpture and give feedback to each other.

Music

EXPLORING PITCH ~ In Music, children will learn about using a range of sounds to create different pitches within various pieces of music.

EXPLORING INSTRUMENTS AND SYMBOLS ~ Year 2 will also identify how symbols can be used to represent sounds. The body of work will result in a class composition and score.

Design and Technology

PUPPETS ~ This term Year 2 will design and make puppets. Children will be able to identify different ways of joining materials together and decide on the best way. They will first design their own puppet using sensible materials, resulting in creating a glove puppet independently. Following this, they will evaluate their product, thinking about strengths and improvements.

R.E

CHRISTIANITY ~ Based around the topic of Christianity, Year 2 will recognise the similar features and values shared by different religions. They will be taught the different reasons Christians visit the church and be able to recognise symbols and religious language in context. Later in the term the focus will be the importance of Easter to Christians, through learning the Easter story.

PSHCE

WORD OF DRUGS ~ To know how to make simple choices that improve health and well-being by recognising what is right and wrong. They will learn the names of the main parts of the body. The children will understand ways of, keeping safe, including road safety, and about people who can help them to stay safe. They will also be made aware of all household products, including medicines, which may be harmful if not used properly.

Computing

FINDING INFORMATION ~ The children will be using search engines to locate and use information from a variety of sources. This information will focus on Florence Nightingale as a cross curricular history topic and animals as a cross curricular science topic.

DIFFERENT INPUTS ~ The children will be learning how to make an object move through the use of a keyboard.

P.E

DANCE ~ Linking in with our topic of Katie Morag, Year 2 will take part in the art of Scottish dancing. This will be through their own practice, performance and evaluation of the style.

GAMES ~ The children will be learning the rules and taking part in a range of team based games.

Please note that in most cases your child will be covering these topics as part of the creative curriculum. Links will be made across a number of subject areas. Depending on the level your child is working at, some of the objectives, particularly for Literacy and Numeracy may alter.