

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

This term the children will be continuing to learn about information texts through our topics Dinosaurs and Space. The children will be reading a range of stories by various authors, including Julia Donaldson, and then writing their own stories. We will be learning how to write more detailed sentences with interesting vocabulary, varied punctuation and a range of conjunctions. Throughout our English work, the children will be developing their reading skills and we will continue to work on answering questions, making sensible predictions and making simple inferences.

Maths

In maths the children will be learning about division. They will be making equal groups by sharing and grouping. This will be linked to the division facts for the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. They will be identifying and describing a range of 2D and 3D shapes. The children will identify a range of fractions and will find fractions of numbers and amounts. Children will learn about length and height and will use a range of standard and non-standard measures. Children will also learn about position and direction identifying quarter, half, three quarter and full turns.

Science

In our animals including humans topic, the children will identify how animals change as they grow. They will investigate the life cycles and needs of animals and humans. We will also be learning about a healthy lifestyle. To consolidate our learning so far, the children will be planning and carrying out a range of investigations.



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Geography

Through our dinosaur topic children will learn the name of continents and look at how the world has changed over time. Children will use a range of maps and atlases to make comparisons. Children will look at fossils and learn about what this tells us about where dinosaurs lived. Children will then learn about the topic of Space and will look at maps and routes of travel.

History

Through our dinosaur topic the children will be learning about timelines and the periods in which dinosaurs lived. We will then be learning about famous people through our Space topic, including Neil Armstrong and Tim Peak. We will be using famous people within Space to make comparisons to other famous people such as Christopher Columbus and his expeditions.

Art

We will be developing our Art skills through the topic of Space. As a part of this we will be looking at and discussing Space themed art work and using this art work to inspire our own pieces of art. The children will have the opportunity to use a range of media and develop and refine some of their previously learnt skills.

Music

The children will be listening to a range of songs based around musical instruments and animals. They will appraise songs and begin discussing the beat and tempo. Children will take part in vocal warm ups, learn and perform songs. They will also play the recorder focusing on the beat and rhythm of the song they are performing.

Design and Technology

This term Year 2 will consider the question - How can story telling be more interesting? For this the children will look at how we can use a winding mechanism to animate a story/image. The children will learn that a winding mechanism has an axle that turns and observe what happens when such a mechanism works. They will make drawings and use knowledge gained to design their own winding mechanism. They will then follow their plan and use tools accurately and safely to produce a finished product.

R.E

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. They will also learn how Easter is celebrated both at home and at church.

PSHE

The children will learn how to keep safe in a range of situations, including the use of medicine, roads, online and they will be identifying who safe people are.

The children will be learning about different types of money and how to keep it safe. They will also look at making choices relating to saving and spending as forms of managing money.

Computing

The children will be testing out a range of computer based games. They will be explaining how the game is played, how points are scored, how to be successful at the game and note any other observations they find.

The children will learn that algorithms are sequences of instructions. They will design their own sequence and fix any errors.

P.E

DANCE - Children will learn about movement and different ways they can move their bodies. 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 English and Maths may alter.