

Year 2 Summer Term



English

In our English lessons, we will study a range of texts and use these as stimulus for writing. This will include looking at poetry and writing our own poem. Stories we will study include *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers, *Jack and the Beanstalk* and *The King who Banned the Dark*.

Throughout these units, we will continue to develop our writing skills including using co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions, apostrophes and commas in lists.

Year 2 are reading...



Children will continue to read regularly in our Reading Practice sessions. We will be reading a wide variety of texts and developing our fluency, pace and stamina. We will also continue to develop our retrieval and inference skills.

Our author focus this term is Oliver Jeffers.



Maths

This term will continue to develop our fluency in number. We will also complete units of work on fractions. We will further develop our understanding of half as well as recognising quarters and thirds. We will learn to find fractions of shapes, amounts and numbers. We will also be learning to tell the time to 5 minutes, in addition to interpreting tables, pictograms and tally charts.

Art

In Art we will explore and create maps through various art forms. We will draw a map of their journey to school showing key landmarks. We will learn how to turn a 2D map into a 3D image using different materials and craft techniques. We will explore printmaking and learn to evaluate our artwork against a design brief.



Science

Within our science lessons we will continue our habitats topic and explore a woodland habitat. We will compare this to the school habitat and find out how living things depend on each other and their environment to survive. We will create food chains that show this relationship too.

In our topic about plants, we will discover the conditions plants need to flourish and how we can help them grow well.

Homework

- Homework will be set every Tuesday and must be completed by the following Monday.
- **Please listen to your child read at least 3x per week and return their reading folder on a Wednesday to be changed.**

Geography

In Geography we will complete the unit 'Why is Our World Wonderful?' We will identify and locate characteristics of the UK on a map.

We will learn the difference between oceans and seas and name and locate the five oceans on a world map.

We will develop our map skills by using an aerial photograph to draw a simple sketch map. We will participate in fieldwork to collect data by sketching findings on a map and completing a tally chart. We will also present our findings in a bar chart.



DT

In Design Technology (DT) we will be making a book with moving mechanisms.

Within this unit of work, we will identify whether a mechanism is a side-to-side slider or an up-and-down slider to determine what movement the mechanism will make.

We will then make a picture, which meets the given design criteria, with parts that move purposefully, as planned.

Finally, we will evaluate the main strengths and weaknesses of our designs and suggest alterations.



Music

In Music we will continue to learn about the musical elements including dynamics, timbre and tempo. We will be doing this through our next topic of 'Myths and Legends'.

This term we will also introduce instruments that make up an orchestra, recognise the sounds that they make, and how they are used to tell stories in our topic called 'Orchestral Instruments'.



PSHE & RE

In our RE lessons we will be learning about caring for others, animals and the environment. We will then look at how different faiths worship, focusing on Buddhist and Sikhs.

Our PSHE units focus on:

- Being my Best and Growing and Changing.
- Moving to Year 3.

Computing

In our computing lessons we will be completing our unit of work on spreadsheets and then focusing on coding. This will include learning to create computer programs using algorithms. We will also design an algorithm that follows a timed sequence and understand what different events do in code. We will also learn how to debug simple programs.

In addition to our coding lessons we will continue to develop our understanding of online safety.

PE

This term we will be focusing on athletics. We will develop skills in:

- Running at different speeds.
- Jumping and throwing for distance.
- Measuring performance and competing to improve our own scores and against others.

Coaches from Aston Villa will join us on Thursdays to teach us ball skills and playing team games.