

English

We start the year using the text 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers as a stimulus to talk about the events of recent months, including our thoughts and feelings about this time and the impact it has had on our lives. We will start to think about the wider world and will use drama and role play as well as our reading and writing skills to express ourselves and to learn more. We then move on to think about 'Wolves' exploring the story 'The Way Home for Wolf' by Rachel Bright. We learn this story off by heart and explore wolves initially and then our own chosen animals to create an information text. We then return to the story and write our own version of it. Throughout we will continue to develop our phonic knowledge, practise our handwriting with accurate letter formation and will continue to develop our understanding of grammar including recognising nouns, adjectives and verbs.

Maths

We will be using the White Rose Maths scheme to teach maths throughout the school this year. Our first topic focuses on place value thinking about the value of each digit in a 2-digit number. We learn to compare and order numbers, representing them in different ways such as with Base 10 materials, on a bar model, number line and with part-whole models. We learn to count in steps of 2, 5, 10 and 3 before moving on to addition and subtraction. We will revisit our number bonds to 10 and learn to use these to learn other facts such as number pairs to 20 and multiples of 10 totalling 100. We also use the number bonds to 10 to help to add and subtract larger numbers. We also learn to add 3 single digit numbers and to recall 1/10 more and less. Later in the term we move on to look at money, including recognising the coins and notes as well as finding totals, differences and change.

R.E.

Mrs Joel will be teaching the class R.E. this term. She will begin by looking at special books, focusing mainly on the Bible and then comparing it with other non-Christian special books. After half term she moves on to explore 'Good News and News Bringers' finishing with another look at the Christmas Story.

Year 2
Autumn Term
All About Me
(& The Gunpowder Plot)

Key Vocabulary

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| noun | noun phrase |
| verb | adjective |
| conjunction | growth |
| young/old | animal names |
| offspring | life cycle |
| exercise | heartbeat |
| breathing | germs |
| hygiene | food types |

P.S.H.E. A big focus this term will be on the children's emotional wellbeing after such a long time away from school. We will talk a lot about our feelings and think about ways to help ourselves when we are feeling sad, upset or worried as well as thinking about ways to help each other. We talk about what it means to be a good friend, how our actions affect others and think more carefully about what it means to be kind.

Science Our first Science topic of the year focuses on humans. We investigate our basic needs looking at what we as animals need to survive compared to what makes us happy. We explore the importance of a healthy balanced diet and talk about why exercise is so important for our bodies. We also discuss the importance of keeping clean and personal hygiene and think about how medicines can help us to stay well.

Art We will investigate portraits by a variety of artists. We will use a range of drawing media to make marks and evaluate their effectiveness when creating our own self portraits. We will also create a plasticine relief of our faces and use fruit and vegetables to create our own Giuseppe Arcimboldo inspired art. After half term, we will explore colour mixing, mark making with pastels and drawing pencils, and collage when completing our Bonfire Art Project.

History After half term we think about why we celebrate Bonfire Night with an exploration of 'The gunpowder Plot'.

P.E. We start the year focussing on the fundamental movement skills. We will be rolling a ball, throwing a beanbag underarm and overarm, kicking and bouncing a ball, aiming at various targets and striking a ball with a bat. We will also practise catching a ball at different heights, running, hopping, skipping and jumping. After half term we move on to explore gymnastics including ways to travel, balance, roll and jump.

Computing We start the year thinking about the importance of looking after ourselves when using the internet. We learn what to do if we see something which upsets us and learn that we must tell a grown up if this happens. We talk about why we have passwords and learn our own log on details. We also think about email and how this is used to communicate with others. We start to send and receive our own emails using the Purple Mash programme.

Wider Curriculum

Intra-sports competitions
Children in Need
Class Christmas Party
Christmas creative week

Worship

This term our worship times will be in our own classrooms. We will be using resources from Rev. Rebecca, NISCU and Blackburn Dioceses. We will continue to celebrate children's achievements on a Friday so please feel free to email me any photographs of the children achieving well out of school.