



YEAR 2 CURRICULUM LETTER

Summer Term 1 2024

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a lovely break.

Below is an outline of some of the exciting things your children will be learning this half term.

English

In English this half term we will start by continuing our theme of 'Stories with a familiar setting' We will then move on to a unit on the story "Aladdin". This unit will help recap the skills that we have learnt so far in Year 2.

Maths

In Maths this half term we will be learning about fractions, looking at equal and unequal groups and recognising and finding a half, quarter and a third before moving onto to time. We will continue to recap our previous learning through our morning work.



Curriculum

In Geography, we will be learning about the Weather and Seasons, with a focus on the months of the year and seasons. We will look at the difference between the seasons, along with the features of the different seasons. We will also look at what clothing we wear in different weathers and the different types of weather we have in the UK and, finally, how the weather effects different jobs.

Science

In this unit of learning, we will learn that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. We will also find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air) and describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.

Art

In Art we will have a focussed week later in the half term. In this week, our topic will be 'Map it out'. We will draw a map of our journey to school, including key landmarks and different types of mark-making. Children will instructions to make a piece of felt that holds together and resembles their map. They will also design a print with simple lines and shapes, making improvements as they work. Finally, they will annotate their favourite artwork with relevant evaluation points.



RE

During this term our topic in RE will be 'Why is the church a special place for Christians?' The aim of this unit is to give children an understanding of 'church' as a holy place and a body of people. It will begin to develop in pupils an understanding of what happens in church (and why) and to give children an opportunity to begin exploring places of worship other than a church.

PE

This half term we will be learning how to play cricket. Children will learn to catch, throw, field and bat. Each lesson will focus on the fundamentals of using the bat correctly and improving their hand eye coordination and catching skills. By the end of this unit, children will be able to roll and throw the ball underarm and hold a cricket bat correctly. Our outdoor PE lesson will be Outdoor and Adventurous Activities. We will use our searching skills to find given things from clues and pictures and working as pairs to navigate spaces. We will develop our motor skills, coordination and problem-solving.

Computing

This half term we will focus on 'iSecure'. Children will learn the fundamentals of the internet and digital device safety. They will be introduced to different real-life scenarios and develop different strategies to stay clear of, or to deal with, potential situations that could arise when online. Pupils will be reminded each lesson about the correct procedures to follow and who they can talk to should they have any concerns regarding e-safety. Children will learn how to keep themselves safe whilst on digital devices. They will be taught what is classed as personal information and why they should not share this with anyone else.



The Arts

This half term the children will be learning Musical Theatre: "The Lion King". During "The Lion King" the children will be focusing on building scenes of a performance and learning how to transition from one scene to another. Children will learn to devise scenes, take stage direction and to set scenes. They will be able to give input on how a scene is staged and how they want their character to move. Children will learn how to incorporate singing and dancing into their performance to heighten the experience for the audience more.

Music

During this half term, children will focus on songwriting with glockenspiels. They will begin to look at writing lyrics using rhyming words. The children will focus on storytelling and writing rhymes to write a song, they will develop their English writing and speaking skills to create an original piece of work and create music and lyrics to non-musical stimuli such as pictures, poems, and stories, as well as writing lyrics for well-known classical pieces.



PSHE

In PSHE we will be continuing our 'Kidsafe' activities. This will entail advising KS (our glove puppet) on different scenarios e.g. being safe online, talking about 'yukky feelings' and keeping ourselves and our bodies safe.

