



# Year 2 Curriculum Letter

Summer Term 2 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.

## Key Information

- P.E - This half-term, PE will take place on **Wednesdays (2G)** and **Fridays (2R & 2G)**. Children can come to school in their PE kit on these days only. All children need pumps or trainers on these days. Please also ensure earrings are removed on these days before coming to school; a reminder too that no other jewellery should be worn at school. If children come to school in incorrect PE kits, do not have the correct footwear or have jewellery on, we will contact you to bring in the correct kit so that they can take part. If they do not have the correct kit, they will not be able to take part and PE is a key part of the National Curriculum, participation is compulsory.
- Reading Books – Please make sure you read with your child and sign the diary. It is very important that time is spent with your child allowing them to apply the phonic sounds learnt in lessons. Please ensure that reading books are brought into school each day.

## English

In English we will start by continuing our unit on the story Aladdin. This unit will help recap the skills that we have learnt so far in Year 2. We will then move onto poems on a theme looking at the poem 'Ducks' ditty'.

## Maths

In Maths we will be learning about statistics, focusing on reading and drawing tables and graphs before moving onto position and direction looking at vocabulary for position and describing movement and different positions. We will continue to recap our previous learning through our 'morning work'.

## Curriculum

In History, we will be looking at the unit 'making a difference'. We will be looking at people from Lancashire and how they have made a difference in the world. We will be looking at who is significant in our own lives, what significant means and how these people have impacted our lives. We will focus our learning on Learie Constantine who played cricket in Nelson and who fought for the rights of people within the black community.



## Science

In Science we will be looking at humans and health. In this unit of learning, we will learn about animals, including humans. Within this topic we will learn that animals including humans have offspring which grow into adults; 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.

## DT

In DT we will have a focus week later in the half term. During this week, our topic will be 'cooking and nutrition'. We will name the main food groups and identify foods that belong to each group. Describe the taste, feel and smell of a given food. Think of three different wrap ideas, considering flavour combinations and construct a wrap that meets the design brief from our plan.



## RE

Our topic in RE will be 'What happened at the Ascension and Pentecost?' The aim of this unit is to begin to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of these two very significant events. Giving children an opportunity to begin to explore the concept of God as three in one and emphasize the importance of these events in the life of Jesus and the Church, then and now.

## PE

This half term we will learn the core skills needed to perform most track and field events. We will encourage children to learn the basics techniques of running, jumping and throwing in different athletic events correctly and efficiently. These are transferable skills which will also help these children in other sports going forwards. The children will be introduced to athletic equipment like balls, hurdles, batons and foam javelins. Our outdoor PE lesson will be Send and Return. We will learn to feed a ball to our partner, throw and catch whilst in a seated position, accurately serve the ball to different parts of the court and to use overarm attacking shots.

## Computing

This half term we will focus on iFilm. Children will focus specifically on the technology that surrounds the film industry and is used to create both animated and live-action films. They will use the app Toontastic to digitally plan and create an animated film and Scratch Jr as a method of storyboarding, before filming a live-action trailer using the app iMovie.



## The Arts

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 music theory with keyboards. They will focus on three main areas of music and theory: Film Composition, Genre, and Improvisation and Creativity. Children will be tasked with analysing and responding to a film score taken from Disney's Fantasia. They will then analyse

a specific genre of music relating to an alternative score to Fantasia, learning about instrumentation, the working parts of popular instruments as well as being given the chance to improvise using a keyboard in a specific style.

## PSHE

In PSHE we will be looking at embracing change and new challenges. We will look at transitioning from Year 2 into Year 3 and any feelings that may arise from that.

