

English

For fiction, we will be studying stories with familiar settings as well as writing a fantasy story. We will also look closely at non-fiction instruction texts. Our poetry unit will focus on Contemporary Poems. We will continue to develop phonics and spelling skills for our reading and writing. We will work on editing our work for improvements. Weekly spelling tests will continue to link with spelling skills taught.

PSHCE

Children will learn about their responsibilities within the school and in the wider world. Our monthly values will be a focus to help teach children how they should behave to become effective citizens. The values we are focusing on this term are Truth and Justice, Humility and Gentleness, Service and Sacrifice. We will celebrate Internet Safety Day, revising how to stay safe online.

PE

For this term, outdoor games will focus on striking, fielding and invasion type games. Indoor PE will be Dance. PE days continue to be Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child has both shorts and jogging bottoms in their kit.

Art & DT

Our topics will be linked to art and DT this term. The children will explore sculptures that are made from different materials and be given the opportunity to create and build their own sculpture made from recycled materials. During the second half of the term children will practise cutting, decorating and sewing skills through completing an Easter Egg Project.

Maths

This term we will be covering money, properties of 2D and 3D shapes and fractions. Problem solving and reasoning will be included throughout the term. We are continuing to use Abacus Active Learn to support the teaching of mathematics. Active Learn helps children make sense of and practice their maths through a combination of activities, maths games, interactive tasks and pupil videos. Remember that Abacus can be used to support maths learning at home. Your child has been provided with a username and password to allow them to practice their maths skills using Abacus at home.

Year 2

Spring Term

Topics

Let's Build

Materials, Materials Everywhere

Visits

Science museum

We will visit the Challenge of Materials gallery where the children will explore and experience the properties of materials. They will walk across a magnificent glass bridge suspended by steel wires spanning the main hall. Our visit will end with a Three Little Pigs storytelling session which will give the children the chance to classify materials and think about their properties.

Geography

The children will be taken on a whistle-stop tour of the seven continents of the world. They will join Buddy the Bee as he visits a country on each continent and explores their features, people and landmarks. This term will also see the children become weather experts as they explore seasonal changes and extreme weather. They will make simple weather measuring instruments and contribute to a class weather station and weather chart.

Computing

We will use the 2Simple computing programme to create simple graphs and pictograms. Children will also begin to understand that emails can be used to send messages electronically and people can reply to emails.

Science

They will explore the properties of materials, such as wood, plastic, metal, glass and fabric, through a variety of fun activities. Children will begin to think about the purpose of familiar objects and why they are made out of particular materials. Encouraging them to think about whether they are using resources responsibly or wastefully. They will then explore where paper comes from and how it is made, before learning how important it is to reduce the amount of waste we create by reusing and recycling as much as we can.

Religious Education

Our studies will reflect the seasons, feasts and monthly devotions of the Church Year. We will study and pray the prayers from the Catholic tradition, growing in knowledge and love of God and His Holy Catholic Church. We will be following the Come and See scheme, which will cover the Local Church, Eucharist and Lent/Easter. The focus will be on Books, Thanksgiving and Opportunities.