

P.E.

This term the children will develop movement skills such as running, jumping, throwing and catching through learning a variety of games. They will practise their co-ordination through performing dance sequences using simple movements: working alone, with a partner and in a group. They will have the opportunity to perform, appraise and improve their skills.



Homework



All children in Year 1 and 2 should be reading every night with an adult for at least 10 minutes. They will bring home a reading book matched to their reading level, and a sharing book of their own choice to help develop pleasure in reading. It is helpful if the adult who listens to the child read writes a brief comment in the reading record.

Year 2 children will have homework set in their English and Maths Primary Practice Books. Homework will be sent home every Friday and should be returned on Wednesday.

Music

Children will continue to enjoy weekly music lessons with our specialist music teacher. They will listen to and appraise different styles of music, exploring old school hip hop with a focus on pulse, rhythm and pitch.



R.E. & P.H.S.E

In the first half of the term, the children will be learning about 'What responsibility has God given people about taking care of the world?' This will involve studying the creation story and understanding how the Christian community cares for people and the world around us.

After the half term break, the focus will be on the importance of each character in the Christmas Story. The Nativity play will then be a lovely opportunity to retell the story through drama and song!



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Educating through faith, hope and love.

Year 1/2 Autumn Newsletter

Welcome back to a new school year. It is wonderful to see how enthusiastically the children have returned back to school after the summer holidays. We will be continuing to practice our routines ready for an exciting term of learning.

Dates for your diary:

PE:

Wednesdays and Thursdays
*Please come to school in PE uniform.

Homework:

Year 2: Sent home on Fridays
Return on Wednesdays

Home reading books:

Bring in to be changed on Mondays and Friday

Dates:

Monday 13th October—visit from Tim for questions about stewardship of God's creation

English

This term, we will use three popular books to capture imagination and inspire story writing: 'The Suitcase' by Chris Naylor-Ballestreros, 'Rabbitness' by Jo Empson and 'The Visitor' by Antje Damm. The children will have the opportunity to create a character and write a story, identifying different sentence types and learning about conjunctions.

They will also explore a range of non-fiction texts. The children will be given the opportunity to write postcards, letters and diary entries, using texts such as 'Diary of a Wombat' and 'Waiting for Goliath' as starting points.

Finally, they will be encouraged to play with language by looking at poetry and rhyme through the nonsense poetry of Edward Lear.



Maths

This term the children will be given the opportunity to develop a variety of mathematical skills and concepts.

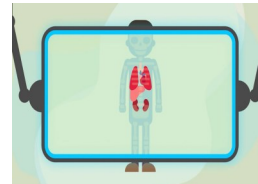
They will work with numbers up to 100, count on and back, estimate, and use equipment to represent amounts. The children will practise mental and written strategies, using partitioning and recombining methods to add and subtract. They will apply this understanding to practical knowledge, finding amounts of money and change. The children will move on to comparing and measuring lengths and begin to understand units of time including half and quarter hours.



Science

This term the Science unit is 'Amazing Me'. The children will explore the basic parts of the human body and understand which part of the body is associated with each sense. They will learn that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults and will find out about and describe the basic needs of all animals for survival (water, food and air). They will explore the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.

Throughout the year, the children will also be involved in monitoring the weather, and will take note of the seasonal changes they observe. They will also observe how day length's vary.



Topic

This term's topic is 'Famous for more than five minutes'.

In the first half of the term, we will have a history focus and the children will explore and compare the lives and reigns of Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria. In the second half of the term, the children will become 'weather experts', where they will observe and record the weather, explore hot and cold areas of the world, as well as develop their geographical skills.



Computing

Throughout the term, Year 1 and 2 will be exposed to a variety of different computing applications which will be used as tools for learning. Using the iPads, the children will learn how to find images using the web.

The children will use programmable toys (Beebots), to develop and record simple instructions as an algorithm.

They will also create a card digitally using basic keyboard skills, formatting text and combining images and words.



Art and Design & Technology

This term, the children will explore the use of thick and thin paint brush strokes and the different effects they can make. They will explore the work of Jasper John and create their own artwork inspired by his style of work.

The children will also create seasonal artwork and experiment with collage. This will include responding to the work of Patrick Herron and considering 'hot' and 'cold' colours, related to their work on seasonal changes.

