

P.E.

This term, the children will practise and refine co-ordination skills through mastering basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching through practice with a partner and in a group.

They will then be introduced to some simple net games and use various pieces of equipment to develop their aiming and hitting 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 them develop pleasure in reading. Adults should write a comment about their child's reading in their 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 the following Wednesday.

Music



Through the topics 'Rhythm in the way we walk' and 'Banana Rap', the children will focus on listening to and appraising reggae and hip hop music.

After half term, the children will be 'In the Groove' and will explore the contrasting musical styles of Blues, Baroque, Latin, Bhangra, Folk and Funk.

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

The children begin the first half of the term exploring 'What is it like to live as a Jewish person?' They will learn about what the Torah is and how it is used by the Jewish people, the meaning and events of Shabbat and the role the synagogue plays in the life of a Jewish family.

After the half term break, the children will look at why Easter is the most important festival for Christians and explore the events and significance of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.



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Year 1 & 2 Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome back Summer Class!
The children are very much ready for an exciting term of learning.

Dates for your diary:

PE:

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

Homework:

Sent home on Fridays
Return on Wednesdays

Home reading books:

Bring in to be changed on Mondays and Friday

Tuesday 27th January—visit to Hampstead Synagogue

Wednesday 11th February—Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 17th March: Summer Class Assembly
Wednesday 25th March—Easter Service in Church

English

This term, the children will explore the wonderful stories of Beatrix Potter. They will compare stories and write imaginatively in response. They will learn about verb tenses and revise sentence punctuation. The children will sequence stories and write their own versions.

The children will look at the features of non-fiction texts and find out information about incredible creatures. They will use subordinating conjunctions to add information. Furthermore, they will be encouraged to play with language by looking at poetry and rhyme.



Science

In the first half of the term, the children will be learning about materials, identifying and sorting them into categories as well as testing their durability. They will design and make a house for one of the pigs from the story 'The Three Little Pigs' using a variety of materials. They will then test their house to find out how durable it is and use this information to draw conclusions about their experiment. In the second half term, the topic is 'Growing Things'. The children will identify the parts of a plant and their functions. They will grow their own plant and document how it develops over time.



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.

They will be using iPads and Chromebooks to research the seaside. They will also learn how to search images on the web, how to save images within a document and how to resize and relocate them for different uses and effects.



Maths

This term, the children will continue to develop a variety of mathematical skills and concepts. In place value, the children will count on and back, estimate, and use equipment to represent amounts up to 100. The children will practise mental and written addition and subtraction strategies using partitioning and recombining methods. The children will use money to calculate totals and work out change.

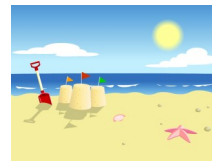
The children will also learn to tell the time using the language of o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. When working with 2D and 3D shapes, they will describe the properties and use these to sort the shapes into groups.



Topic

This term's topic is 'Seasides'. The children will explore seaside towns in each of the four countries of the UK and study the history of the seaside holiday. They will learn about how the arrival of the railways affected British leisure time. Following on from this, they will investigate life in rock pools and coastal environments.

The children will also develop their geographical skills, finding and naming the continents and oceans of the world.



Art and Design & Technology

Throughout the term, the children will have the chance to create various art pieces, which will be closely linked to our topic and science units. This will include creating a seaside and coral reef, and using observational skills to draw and paint items from nature.

The children will also explore 'hot' and 'cold' colours, and use collage to create work inspired by other artists. We will also explore shape using the works of Richard Long and Andy Goldsworthy.

