

P.E.

This term the children will be exploring basic movement, e.g. running, jumping, throwing, catching and they will be applying these skills into simple invasion games. The children will also be looking at gymnastics balance, agility and co-ordination.

In the second half of term the children will explore simple movement to perform a dance.



Homework



Homework will be sent home every Friday and should be returned on Wednesdays. Year 2 children will have pages set in their English and Maths Books.

Children in Year 1 and 2 should be reading every night. This should include their home reading books and their sharing books. Adults can then write a comment in their reading record.

Occasional home learning projects may also be sent home.

Music



In the first half of term the children will be exploring the music style rock, in the unit 'I wanna play in a band' they will be looking at the Beatles and the historical context of musical styles.

In the second half of term they will be preparing for our nativity performance.

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

In the first half of the term, the children will be exploring why Jesus taught the Lord's prayer as the way to pray. In the second half of the term, they will be learning how the symbol of light helps Christians to understand the meaning of Christmas. In the run up to Christmas the children will also learn the story of the nativity and retell the story in a performance.

In the first half of the term, the children will be looking at 'Who is special to us?' through the exploration of families in P.S.H.E. In the second half of term the children will be exploring health and wellbeing.



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Year 1 & 2 Autumn Newsletter

Welcome back to a new school year. It is wonderful to see how well the children have settled back into routines after the summer holidays. They are very much ready for an exciting term of learning.

Dates for your diary:

PE:

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

Homework:

Return on Wednesdays
Sent home on Fridays

Home reading books:

Bring in to be changed on Wednesdays and Thursdays

English

This term, two popular books will be used to capture the children's imagination and inspire story writing: 'A Squash and a Squeeze' by Julia Donaldson and 'Alone' by Barry Falls. They will also explore poetry through 'We're Going to Find a Monster' by Malorie Blackman, along with a selection of monster-themed poems.

Instructional writing will be explored by playing board games, learning new playground games, and designing an online game. Additionally, the children will read 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and 'Meerkat Mail', examining how letters are used to tell a story. They will have opportunities to write post-cards, letters, and emails in response to these texts.



Maths

This term the children will be given the opportunity 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. The children will practise mental and written addition and subtraction, and use partitioning and recombining methods. The children will use money to find amounts and work out change and learn to tell the time using o'clock, half past and quarter past. When using 2D shapes we will describe their properties and use these to sort them into groups.



Science

This half term's Science topic is about animals in the local area and animals that are kept as pets and how to care for them.

In the second half of the term, the children will explore the basic parts of the human body and understand which parts of the body is associated with each sense.

Throughout the year, the children will continuously monitor the weather and take note of the seasonal changes.



Topic

This term's topic is Who Are We? And we will start by looking at ourselves, our parents and our grandparents. The children explore the animals they may keep at home as pets and the animals that live around the school grounds.

In the second half of the term the children look at their own family trees, where they live in the UK and the geography that makes up Britain.



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.

Using programmable toys (beebots), they will learn to develop and record simple instructions as an algorithm.

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



Art and Design & Technology

This term, the children will explore the use of thick and thin paintbrushes and the different brush strokes and effects they can make. The children will then paint their self portraits.

They will also experiment with moulding clay to create their own clay animal using tools to mark make and create impressions in the surface.

