



Curriculum Overview

Term: Autumn Term

What are we learning in Year 2?

Reading



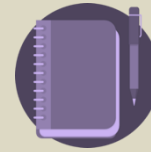
In reading the children will be following the 'Sounds Write' phonics scheme which will consolidate prior learning of letter sound and spelling. We will also continue to work on developing our handwriting using the 'Kinetic Letters' scheme. The children will also be learning to:

- take turns when speaking
- extend their knowledge of sight words
- blend sounds together to make words
- know the letters, and order, of the alphabet
- spell common irregular words
- form lower case letters correctly and ensure correct letter orientation

Children will be bringing home their phonic reading books. Please make the time to read with your child and encourage them to discuss the text. Please make a note of any reading in your child's reading record, which then allows children to take a new book home.

These books will have the sounds and words your child has been focussing on in phonics for them to practise at home.

Writing



In writing the children will be learning/reviewing how to use capital letters and full stops, as well as how to form sentences. They will also be regularly practising their handwriting to support their writing.

The children will be developing their writing skills using the 'Talk4Writing' approach which helps develop the use of rich language using lots of modelled writing examples, oral storytelling and talk.

This term our units will focus on:

- Journey Stories
- Defeating the Monster Stories
- Recount
- Letter Writing
- Rhyming Poetry

Please ensure you work with your child daily to practise letter formation, using conjunctions such as and, because, but, or, if, to include adjectives to describe a noun and to use a range of punctuation in their writing.

Maths



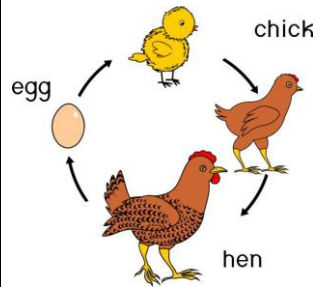
In maths we will be focusing on place value before gradually moving onto addition and subtraction and finally shape.

Daily 'Flashback' activities will help to consolidate prior learning as well as introducing new learning and challenges through our 'Power Maths' scheme.

Please ensure you work with your child daily to revise their number bonds, times tables and division facts as well as involving them in maths activities in their day to day lives such as telling the time, shopping and using different measures.

Science:

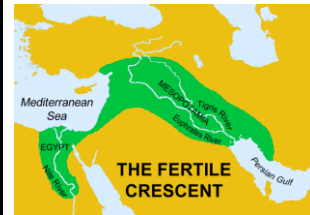
In this unit, children will learn that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. They will find out about the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival and they will be able to describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food and hygiene.



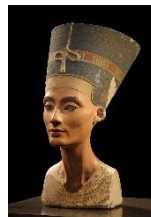
They will be learning about how living things have characteristics that are essential for keeping them alive and healthy.

History:

In this unit, children will be learning about the civilization of Mesopotamia. The children will be exploring why civilisation developed in the Fertile Crescent, analyse the importance of the development of writing and Hammurabi's Code.



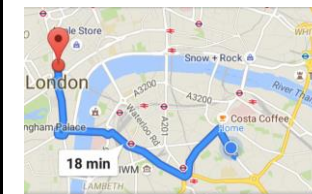
They will then compare religious worship and daily life with today.



They will then learn about the Ancient Egyptian civilization exploring aspects of religious life and customs, why pyramids were built, hieroglyphs, the reign of Akhenaten and Nefertiti and Hapshepsut

Geography:

In this unit, the children will be learning about the world, globe and maps. In this unit, children will learn about places of importance and how people communicate with places around the world. They will explore maps by looking at the different types and begin to name and locate the oceans and continents.



They will then move on to learn about globes and understanding the features of a globe by looking at distances using the equator. The children will use a digital map to locate key locations.

Art:

In this unit, children will be learning about Mesopotamian art. They will build on their history lesson by creating their own Cuneiform Tablets using clay and carving skills.



R.E: Christianity

This term we will be learning about the following two themes:

- What did Jesus teach?
- Jesus – a gift from God (Christmas)

Our key questions will be:

- Is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time?
- Why do Christians believe God gave

Music:

In this unit children will be focusing on hands, feet and heart. They will have a specialist music teacher who will introduce them to how they encounter music in daily life. They will learn how their everyday motions are linked to music.



P.E:

The Autumn term will focus on learning / improving their fundamental skills such as running balance and ball skills. We will then move onto gymnastics and team building skills after the half-term holiday.


PSHE:

Through a variety of group activities, children will learn 8 essential skills:

- listening
- speaking
- problem solving
- creativity
- staying positive
- aiming high
- leadership
- teamwork

	<p>Children will be introduced to the idea of printing using a cylinder seal. They will explore portrait busts and will use clay to model their own. They will be looking at the Ishtar Gate and using ceramic techniques to create their own mosaic. They will also be creating their own Mesopotamian plaque using raised relief.</p>	<p>Jesus to the world?</p>			
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Wider Curriculum Overview

Whole School Events:	Homework:	Clubs available:	PE Days:
<p>Every term the children take part in worldwide events that support fundraising or help our children gain a wider understanding of the wider world. Our events for this term include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harvest Festival Jeans for Jeans Day Christmas Jumper Day Carol Concert Christmas Performance 	<p>The children are expected to read daily to an adult and this should be recorded on their reading log.</p> <p>Each half term, they will also receive a Maths, Reading and SPAG (spelling, grammar and punctuation sheet) that should be completed by the Monday of the last week of term.</p> <p>All children will receive a homework menu which enables children to choose the task they wish to complete each week.</p> 	<p>There are a range of enrichment opportunities available for our pupils this term. Clubs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS2 Language Club (lunchtime) KS1 and KS2 Story Telling Club (lunchtime) KS2 Choir (after school) KS1 Sports (after school) KS2 Sports (after school) <p>A club letter will be sent out and children can sign up on a first come, first serve basis.</p> <p>The school also has an early morning club which runs daily from 8.30am. For children who have a sibling at our other site this is free, for all other children there is a charge payable via the app of £1 per session.</p>	<p>Year 2 will have their PE days on Tuesday and Thursday.</p> <p>Please ensure that your child has a suitable kit for their PE day. This should be a red (plain) T shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers or plimsolls. As the weather gets colder the children should also bring a black jumper.</p>