

Year 2 Autumn 2024 Curriculum Guide

English

In English the pupils will be exploring a new fictional story, using previous knowledge of the world to respond to the text. Their work, inspired by the text, will include poetry, setting descriptions, a diary in role as a character and a whole class debate.

Throughout all topics we will be focussing on capital letters, full stops, common nouns and proper nouns, as well as adjectives.

The pupils will have weekly comprehension lessons and will follow the year 2 handwriting scheme.

Towards Christmas they will begin rehearsals for the Christmas play before their final performances.

Maths

In the autumn term the children will be looking at place value, followed by number bonds. They will then further develop their skills in multiplication and division. The pupils will then explore 2D shapes and how to use a ruler accurately to measure and draw. They will then look at addition and subtraction and how to use pounds and pence.

Science – Materials

In science the children will be exploring materials, looking at manmade versus natural and how these materials are used in every day life.

Religious Education

The children will study Sikhism this term. They will also learn more about Christmas.

French

The key objectives in French are to engage our pupils and communicate our passion for French and modern languages in general, to unlock the full potential of our pupils' ability to speak and write French, to promote a love of speaking a foreign language through entertaining and engaging teaching techniques and to introduce our students to the culture, geography and history of France.

The topic areas and grammar for the autumn term are as follows: greetings, personal details, classroom instructions, classroom objects, France, numbers 0 to 30, colours, parts of the face, Christmas.

Personal, Social and Health Education

At the beginning of term the children will be discussing and agreeing on classroom rules. They will then be looking at themselves and their relationships, valuing difference and how to be their best.

Geography

In the autumn term the children will be using atlases and learning how to use them. They will then be identifying where the oceans are located. The children will then learn about the relationship between weather and the sea. During the term they will also learn more about fish and how they move and breathe.

History/Ancient Greece

This term the pupils will look at the features of present day Greece, recognising that the Ancient Greeks lived long ago. They will look at the many gods which the Ancient Greeks believed in. The children will learn about important buildings in Greece, the Olympic Games and Greek pottery.

Digital Skills

The children will be discussing the uses of IT and how to be safe online. They will then be using a program to create their own animations before looking at programming itself.

Art and design

The activities will be based mainly on the topics of All About Me, Oceans, Ancient Greece and Christmas. The children will be developing their skills in drawing, painting, pastels as well as modelling.

Music

Pupils will explore the concept of duration through recognising and performing sequences of long and short sounds and will develop control when playing hand-held percussion instruments. We will aim to understand the difference between songs with 2 and 3 beats in the bar and learn to identify a range of instrumental sounds. Pupils will continue to develop a sense of pulse through action songs and moving to music and begin to distinguish between pulse and rhythm. They will also learn, rehearse and perform songs for the Harvest Festival and the Christmas Production.

Physical Education

Pupils will explore fitness and exercise through relays and skipping. They will be introduced to team games to encourage teamwork and awareness of others and gymnastics.

Swimming

Width drills to build confidence and stroke development, introduction of swimming full lengths of the pool for those pupils who are more confident. Time is spent ensuring pupils hold the correct body shape for front crawl and backstroke.

Games

An introduction to Touch rugby skills and playing some small sided games plus Netball introduction to learn about using space to pass and move the ball.