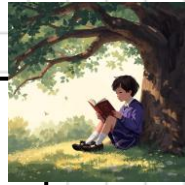




Year 2 Autumn term 2 Curriculum Newsletter

READING

We use Read Write Inc. to help children develop strong phonics skills and become confident, fluent readers. Alongside this, we use VIPERS (Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, Retrieval and Sequencing/Summarising) to guide comprehension, encouraging pupils to think more deeply about the texts they read. We also enjoy Talk Through Stories, which provides rich opportunities for discussion, helping children explore language, characters and themes in greater depth.



WRITING



This term, children will explore a variety of texts, including narratives and instructional writing. Through Little Red Reading Hood and My Christmas Star, they will develop their understanding of story structure, character, and setting. They will also identify key features of instructional texts, such as clear steps, commands, and time words and write a set of instructions for How to Make a Bird Feeder.

DATES AND INFORMATION:

Dates for this term:

- Parents evening: 18th/19th Nov
- Book Fayre: 18th - 24th Nov
- Children in Need: 21st Nov
- Read with Children: 3rd Dec
- Mufti Day (bottle donation): 5th Dec
- Rock Steady Concert: 10th Dec
- Christmas Jumper Day: 11th Dec
- Elfridges: 11th Dec
- Nativity (Y1&2): 16th/18th Dec
- Theatre trip: 17th Dec
- Disco: 18th Dec
- Carols on playground: 19th Dec

PE Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Book change: Wednesday

MATHS

Addition and subtraction

This unit builds on Unit 2, helping children apply their understanding to larger numbers. They'll add and subtract two-digit numbers using visual methods, apply number facts in mental calculations, and use inverse operations for checking. Bar models support solving word problems by identifying the correct operation independently.

Properties of Shape

This unit introduces geometry in Year 2, building on Year 1 knowledge of recognising and naming shapes. Children will describe, sort and categorise 2D and 3D shapes using correct mathematical language, focusing on sides, vertices, edges, and faces. They will also apply counting and number comparison skills throughout.



SCIENCE

Animals including Humans - life cycles

In this unit, the children will explore the stages of the human life cycle, describing each phase from childhood to old age. They will also learn about how animals have offspring and how these can be matched to their parents. Building on this, children will study the life cycles of various animals, including chickens, butterflies, and frogs.

HISTORY

Significant People from History

This term, we are learning about why Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell are important. We will discover how they helped improve healthcare hospitals by making them cleaner and safer and how we care for others. We will then be able to place key events on a timeline and learn how to tell the difference between the past and present.



WAYS TO HELP AT HOME:



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A Chair for a Bear

In this unit, we will be exploring strong shapes and the properties of stiff and flexible materials. The children will apply their learning to design and make a chair for a teddy bear, using correct vocabulary and labelled diagrams. They will also learn to evaluate and improve their designs based on specific criteria.

PSHE

Valuing Difference

In PSHE, we will be learning about the importance of being kind and helping others. We will explore how to support someone who feels left out and think about why people might leave others out. We will also learn about good listening skills - what makes a good listener, how listening helps us and others and how it can improve arguments. We'll also understand why hearing different points of view is important.



Read as much as possible - asking children questions about the text they have read.

Practise number skills - recognising numbers, simple addition and subtractions.

Discuss feelings and The Zones of Regulation to encourage your child to help build their emotional awareness.

TT Rockstars

Spelling Shed



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Christianity: Why do Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world?

This unit will reflect on the Christmas story and the reason for Jesus' birth. We will cover how Jesus was sent to help people to make the world better..



HOMEWORK

TEXTS COVERED THIS TERM:

Little Red Reading Hood	The Squirrels who Squabbled
My Christmas Star	One Snowy Night
Slow Samson	

Homework will be set on **Fridays** and given in the following **Wednesday**. This will rotate between maths, SPaG and reading/ Read Write Inc and will always be based around the weeks learning. Please also read with your child at least 3 times per week.