

Year 2 Autumn Curriculum Overview

Outlined are the main topics that we will be studying during the Autumn term. Please come and see me after school if you have any questions.

English

This term the children will continue to consolidate their phonics knowledge through the Read Write Inc programme, as well as focusing on traditional tales such as 'The Gingerbread Man'. We will also be writing instructions and exploring information texts linked with our theme of The Great Fire of London.

Within these areas, we will be learning to:

- Use capital letters and full stops consistently.
- Use adjectives in expanded noun phrases.
- Use a range of coordinating conjunctions such as: and, but, or
- Use time order to structure our writing.

Mathematics

We will be consolidating our knowledge from Year 1 and will continue to develop our understanding of:

- Place value in 2-digit numbers.
- Adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers.
- Column method for addition and subtraction.
- Number bonds to 20.
- Multiplying and dividing using our 2-, 5- and 10-times tables.

Religion

We will focus our attention on the Old Testament and will look at how God chooses special people to help him spread the good news. We will then look at the meaning of different prayers and will consider why we pray to God. This will lead us nicely up to Advent where we will prepare ourselves for Christmas, which will begin when we return in the Spring Term.

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History and Geography

Our theme this term is 'The Great Fire of London'. We will be using our historical knowledge to help us order events chronologically. We will compare what life was like then and now. The children will be able to: explain when the fire took place, how the fire started, how it spread and how it was stopped. We will use information texts and recounts to understand what life was like for people who were alive at the time. On our trip to Selly Manor, we will look at some original artefacts from 1666.

Science

This term we will begin by describing and categorising different materials and will learn new scientific vocabulary to help us with this. We will be exploring our school environment and identifying the materials used around school. As we develop our knowledge, we will be conducting some different experiments to explore the properties of the materials we find in greater depth.

Art and Design Technology (DT)

The children will learn to paint and draw images of the Great Fire of London. They will bake their own bread and create a moving fire engine. They will also design and make a God Cake during Coventry Week.

Read Write Inc

Children will continue until they are able to accurately recognise all sounds and read fluently. Children will receive regular speed sounds sessions to help them retain their phonics knowledge.

PE

This term we are beginning by reviewing our basic throwing and catching skills which we will practice through a range of games. We will also be developing our balance and gymnastics skills.

PSHE

We will recap our school and classroom rules and will be thinking about our learning behaviours. We will begin 'Our happy minds' where we will learn to explain their emotions.