

English



Writing- This term, all year 1 and selected year 2s will continue to be taught through the RWI phonics scheme. A selection of year 1 children will be moving onto more text-based units whilst also continuing their phonics learning, focusing on Winnie the Pooh and Peter Rabbit. The rest of year 2 will continue to be taught English by Miss Green. This term year 2's reading and writing activities will be based on 'Mud Puddle Farm' where the children will write their own farm adventure stories and later for non-fiction, write their own farm leaflets. After the half term we will be looking at fiction, non-fiction and poetry writing through 'The Highway Rat.' On Wednesday's Mrs Maher will continue to teach Grammar based lessons to Year 2.

Spellings/Phonics- These are practised daily in school and spelling lists and sounds books (phonics groups) will be sent home each week and tested every Friday. Please practise these with your child as often as possible.

Handwriting- Year 1 will be taught to develop correct letter formation and Year 2 will be taught to join letters.

Swimming- Please see email sent before the holidays- children need their **costume/shorts, towel, hoodie, crocs and goggles (if needed)** for dates stated from 7-17 January.

PE and Dance- Lessons will be on **Mondays and Thursdays** every week. This term we are focusing on Striking and Fielding and Invasion Games. The children will be learning different routines in dance lessons with Mrs Denton based around the film 'Toy Story.' **Please ensure that your child has their indoor and outdoor PE kit in school, every week. If you're child has plain stud earrings these need to be either removed or tape provided to cover them during sessions.**

Music- We will be learning to listen, appraise and compose music on glockenspiels through our new unit 'I Wanna Play in a Band.' This term we will also be listening and appraising the works of Classical composer Beethoven.



RE- Our first unit 'Special People' is all about the special people in our families, school and community. We will learn about the special people who help in our parish family and how Jesus is the most special person to our parish. Later, we will be looking at the 'Eucharist- Meals' focusing on the Last Supper and how this is represented during Mass. This will lead us up to our final Spring unit 'Lent and Easter' which is all about Lent being a time for change.



Reading- Guided reading sessions are completed daily in class. Please continue to listen to your child read regularly, from their books and online through Purple Mash. **Please record when/what pages your child has read in their home school records.** Books are changed on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.** Please spread these out over the week. If your child does finish early, please re-read their books or choose another from home or online.

Class 2 Spring Topic Plan

Cracking Contraptions and Inventions

History- In this unit, we will learn about the development of travel and transport throughout history. We will discover the early travel methods of the Vikings, through to the invention of cars, trains and aeroplanes and make comparisons between old and new forms of transport. We will also look at the significant individuals George Stephenson and the Wright brothers.

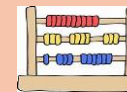
Geography- We will go on a city journey, studying maps and exploring features of several different cities of the world. We will learn about some human and physical features of cities, as well as some of the different landmarks. We will use our new knowledge to make comparisons between the different cities we have explored.

Science- This term we will be learning about 'Uses of Everyday Materials,' focusing on identifying/naming a variety of materials and describing/comparing the physical properties and uses. Later in the term we will be looking at 'Seasonal Changes,' observing and recording the changes from winter to spring.

Nature- The children will be participating in nature walks; woodland observations and 'Forest Schools' sessions approximately every three weeks. You will be notified when your child is in this session- **please ensure they have the appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear with them.**



Mathematics



We will begin to further develop understanding of place value and number. Then we will focus on measures- mass, capacity and weight, applying learnt skills from the place value unit. Towards the end of this half term the children will focus on developing their knowledge of money, counting and multiplication. On Wednesdays, with Mrs Maher, the children will be learning about time and 2D and 3D shapes. During the next half term, we will focus on addition and subtraction, division, length, mass and weight, fractions and position/direction. By the end of year 2, children are expected to recall their 2-, 5- and 10-times tables facts. **From Friday 17 January weekly times table tests will commence for year 2 children only.**

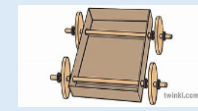
Problem solving and reasoning activities will be embedded into lessons and extension 'busy learning' tasks will be given to extend and deepen their understanding further.

Busy Learning- The children will continue to have access to continuous provision activities called 'Busy Learning.' These will be incorporated into lessons and given as extension tasks to develop the children's learning using practical resources and challenges. We have a maths area, creative art/junk modelling area, 'Funky Fingers' area, creative writing station, role play and a village shop/home corner in class. The children will also have access to activities in our outside area too.

Computing- The children will continue to practise logging into an iPad and later look at creating their own animated story books on Purple Mash.

PSHE/RSHE- We will be looking our new whole school 'Zones of Regulation' resource- where the children will learn about different emotions and how we can regulate ourselves when needed. In the second half term we will start our 'Live Life to the Full' RSHE units for year 1 and year 2.

Art/DT- In art we will be first completing our landscape artwork before moving onto looking at 'printing' inspired by Karen Lederer. In DT we will be making vehicles, focusing on wheel mechanisms.



This topic plan is an outline of the learning planned for your child this term, so you can if you wish enhance learning in school, at home. Please note it may be changed as learning is influenced and directed by the children in lessons.

Homework- Your child is expected to read for at least 10 mins every day and they will be given weekly spellings/sounds to practise too. English/Maths homework will commence on Wednesday 8 Jan and Spelling review test is on Fri 10 Jan- when new spellings will be handed out too.