

English



Writing- For the first few weeks of term we will be reading 'The Dot,' which is based on developing growth mindset and resilience. The children will complete pieces of fictional and non-fictional writing as well as lots of craft and practical activities. After this, year 1 and some year 2 children will be taught English through RWI phonics groups. The remaining Year 2s will have English lessons with Miss Green beginning with a focus on 'Animal Adventure Stories' based on 'The Way Home for Wolf,' where they will create a poster, write their own story and an information text. After half term we will be looking at traditional tales with a twist, letters and instructional writing. Grammar activities will be embedded into each lesson with an initial focus on punctuation and co-ordinating joining words- 'and, but, so, or.'

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.

PE and Dance- Lessons will be on **Mondays and Thursdays** every week. This term we are focusing on fundamental movement skills linked to the story 'Lost and Found' and athletics. The children will be learning different routines in dance lessons with Mrs Denton linking to our topic, multi faith week and the nativity. **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 'Hands, Feet, Heart.' This term we will also be listening and appraising the works of early-20th century composers Williams and Ravel.



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.

RE- Our first unit 'Families' is all about the love and care shown by families and that we are all part of God's family. Later in the term we will be looking at the 'Signs and Symbols' used in Baptism and after half term we will be learning all about the Islam faith during our multi-faith week. This will lead us up to our final autumn unit 'Preparing' which is all about how Christians' prepare for Christmas, during Advent.



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 Autumn Topic Plan

Here I am!

History- For the first half term, we will learn about the First World War and Remembrance Day. We will find out about Walter Tull, a significant individual in British history who was the first black British Army officer. As well as finding out why and how Remembrance Day is marked, we will explore the experiences of soldiers in the trenches, the animals who helped them and the importance of women's roles on the Home Front.

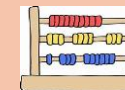
Geography- In the second half of the autumn term, we will be focusing on 'Our Locality.' In this unit we will be looking at features of our local area and begin to develop mapping skills.

Science- This term our science topic is 'Animals including humans- How we grow and stay healthy.' The children will be given a challenge to see if they can complete learning tasks each week to become 'Healthy Heroes!' Learning will focus on areas of growth, life cycles from babies to adults, basic human needs, healthy food and exercise. During each term we will also be looking at seasonal changes.

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



Initially the children will begin to further develop their understanding of place value and number. Then we will focus on measures- length, mass and weight, applying learnt skills from the place value unit. Towards the end of this half term the children will focus on developing their addition and subtraction skills, learn about 2D and 3D shapes and time. During the next half term, we will focus on addition and subtraction, counting, money, multiplying, fractions, capacity and volume and statistics.

By the end of year 2, children are expected to recall their 2-, 5- and 10-times tables so it would be great if you can practise these facts at home too!

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 learn how to login to the I-pads and our learning platform Purple Mash. After this our first unit will be 'Lego Builders' where the children will learn about 'algorithms' -a set of instructions.

PSHE- We will look at developing 'Growth Mindset and Resilience', reading 'The Dot' and creating our class promise charter. During the rest of the term will complete activities around friendships and mindfulness.

Art/DT- In art we will be focusing on drawing landscapes. We will look at the works of Monet, Van Gogh and local sketch artist Caroline Johnson before creating our own drawings of our local landscape. In DT we will be making foods and snacks linked to history unit and learning about rationing.



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 4th Sept and new spellings will be handed out on Friday 13th Sept.