

Year 2 Learning Journey

Autumn 1



English

Year 2 will begin our English unit focusing on traditional tales starting with 'Ruby's Worry' moving onto 'Jim and the Beanstalk'. Our writing focus will be centred around writing postcards and character descriptions.

We will continue to follow the Little Wandle reading approach in our reading practice sessions. Children will also be introduced to Reading Plus and will spend time each day learning reading skills.

We ask that you support your child/children at home with their reading as often as possible. Please record any reading they do in their reading records. Children will have a daily phonics lesson to secure Phase 5 phonics.

We will continue to work very hard to develop letter formation and neat, joined handwriting.

Art and Design / Design Technology

The theme this term is drawing. We will explore mark making using paints, brushes and other tools.

We will investigate and use materials and processes to communicate ideas and meaning.

Children will listen to music and explore expressive mark making.

Religious Education

Our first RE topic is Domestic Church where we will focus on beginnings. Children will learn about the Creation story, as well as recognising that God is present in every being.

We will then focus on Judaism, looking specifically at Prayer. Children will learn about Shabbat which is the Jewish day of Rest.

Physical Education

A unit focusing on team building will be a great way to start the year. In this unit children will develop their teamwork skills and key skills of communication and problem solving.

They will learn to discuss, plan and reflect on ideas and strategies. They will learn how to lead a partner whilst considering safety, and have the opportunity to show honesty and fair play.

They will also begin to use basic map skills.

History and Geography

In History we will learn about The Great Fire of London. Children will explore why the fire spread so quickly and key events of that time.

In Geography we will learn about living in the mountains, specifically focusing on the locality of Keswick.

'Learning together in faith and love, we shine as children of God'

Mathematics

Our first Maths unit will be place value. This is a crucial building block to developing children's mathematical understanding. Children will learn to write numbers in numerals and words, understand tens and ones and how to partition and represent numbers.

We will also focus on number fact recall and begin by ensuring children have secured number bonds to 10 and 20.

Science

Our topic this term is 'Animals, Including Humans'. We will explore life cycles and differences in offspring and adults.

Children will understand basic needs of animals and humans for survival, and learn about the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

Computing

In our Computing lessons we will be learning about 'Information Technology around us'. This is very important as we will learn how to use information technology safely. Children will learn what IT is and what this looks like in school, at home and in the world. We will also explore the benefits of IT.

Music

This half term we will be looking at 'Pulse, Rhythm and Pitch'. Music has a pulse, a steady beat. Music is also made up of long and short, and high and low sounds, called 'rhythm' and 'pitch'. These elements combine when we sing and play.

Parents as Partners

Please support your child at home by: - reading with them daily - securing any phonic sounds and tricky words they are unfamiliar with - supporting them to learn their spellings - securing basic Maths skills e.g. number bonds to 10 and 20.