

Year 2 Learning Journey

Autumn 2



English

Year 2 will explore *The Bear and the Piano*. The children will be forming and expressing personal opinions to form an argument. In the second half of this half term we will move onto Christmas themed poetry and instructions.

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 and spelling lesson.

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

Art and Design / Design Technology

The theme this term is collage. We will learn about the work of Henry Matisse, Bridget Riley and Kurt Schwitters. We will create our own collages in response to these famous artists and use collage materials and processes to communicate ideas about line, shape and colour.

Religious Education

This term, we will learn about Baptism and focus on the signs and symbols. We will then learn about preparations in our Advent / Christmas topic. We are reminded that Advent is a time when we appreciate the love in our lives and prepare to celebrate love becoming a reality in the person of Jesus.

Physical Education

In our gymnastics unit, children learn, explore and develop basic gymnastic actions on the floor and using apparatus. They develop gymnastic skills of jumping, rolling, balancing and travelling individually and in combination to create short sequences and movement phrases. They learn to work safely with and around others and whilst using apparatus. Children will be given opportunities to provide feedback to others and recognise elements of high quality performance.

History and Geography

In History we will learn about great change-makers of our world—Louis Braille, Louis Pasteur, Emmeline Pankhurst, The Wright Brothers, Rosa Parks and Malala Yousafzai.

In Geography we will learn about visiting new places, thinking about journeys and ways we can travel.

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

Mathematics

This half term we will continue our addition and subtraction unit before learning about shape. Children will learn efficient methods to add and subtract numbers and apply this knowledge to solve problems. Children will also learn about 2-D and 3-D shapes, including lines of symmetry and patterns.

Science

Our topic this term is ‘Animals and humans— life cycles’ within this topic we aim to look at the stages of human life and how we grow. Moving to animals and the life cycles of a chicken and a frog. We will explore and answer scientific questions.

Computing

In our Computing lessons we will be learning about ‘Digital Photography’. We will learn to recognise that different devices can be used to capture photographs and will gain experience capturing, editing, and improving photos. Finally, we will use this knowledge to recognise that images we see may not be real.

Music

This half term we will be learning about playing in an orchestra. Children will learn that playing together is a very important part of learning music. There are many ensembles, bands and groups you can play in. One of these groups is an orchestra.

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 formation and writing numerals in words.