

Half Termly Curriculum Information Newsletter

Year Group: Year 2
Term: Autumn 2

Subjects taught this half term:

Science: Environment & Pollution

Music: Singing and appraising

PE: Dance

RE: Who is Jewish and what do they believe?

PHSE: Celebrating Difference

History: Changes within living memory

Autumn 2 Term in Year 1

All pupils have settled in well into Year 2 and we are eager to continue our exciting learning journey with them this half term. We will be building on our knowledge from Autumn 1 and we have lots of new knowledge nuggets to learn. We look forward to welcoming all parents/carers into school to share our current learning and to celebrate some of our Christmas events with us in December.

Thank you,
Miss Matts & Miss Simpkin

Home Learning

Reading Books:

Please make sure your child reads their school reading book at least 5 times a week for at least 15 minutes. In addition, children could read a book from home, a library book, a comic book - whatever will support their love of reading. We would love to hear about any extra reading your child has enjoyed. Some children in Y2 may have a phonically decodable Little Wandle Book which they will receive after their reading practice group. They will keep this book for a week. Some children will receive a book from the school scheme which will be changed once it has been read. Even if your child seems to be a fluent reader, please support your child by sharing or discussing their book with them. Please sign your child's reading record to show that they have read- children will receive prizes in school for regular home reading.

Project Books:

Please support your child to complete activities linked to their current learning in their project book. Listed inside, there will be lots of ideas for ways that your child can showcase their extra learning. Please send Projects back into school on the last Friday of each half term. We will then celebrate their incredible efforts in a special assembly.

Additional ways to support your child's learning:

Phonics packs: Children will bring home key words and tricky words to Practise reading at home.

Useful Websites

For parents | Letters and Sounds
(littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)

PhonicsPlay

BBC Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zqpqfdm>

Enrichment Curriculum Class visits, visitors and special events

- Maths Breakfast & workshop
- Old toy workshop
- Litter picking visitor
- Anti-bullying Week & Children in Need
- Freddie Fit
- Christmas pantomime
- Christmas bauble decorating
- Christmas Nativity at St. Paul's Church

National Curriculum core subjects.

English: This half term, we will be reading 'The Queen's Knickers' (Nicholas Allan) and 'The Queen's Hat' (Steve Antony) and learning to:

- Sequence events and identify repetitive phrases.
- Write sentences using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.
- Use commas to separate nouns.
- Use adjectives to describe nouns.
- Use conjunctions to extend sentences.
- Apply phonic knowledge when spelling words.

Our class readers will be:

- The Princess and the Pea (Caryl Hart).
- The Pea and the Princess (Mini Grey).
- Cinderella (Sarah Gibb).
- Mr Wolf and the Enormous Turnip (Jan Fearnley).

Maths: Addition & Subtraction and Shape

We will be learning to:

- Use number bonds to 10 and 100.
- Use fact families within 20.
- Add and subtract ones and tens.
- Add by making 10 & add to the next 10.
- Add three 1-digit numbers.
- Add and subtract across a 10.
- Subtract from a 10.
- Find 10 more and 10 less.
- Add two 2-digit numbers & subtract two 2-digit numbers.
- Mixed number problems.



Golden Knowledge Nuggets

Key Knowledge to take away

Music: Singing and appraising

- Sing a song changing the pitch and practising changing the dynamics.
- Appraising songs related to our learning.

PE: Dance

- To perform body actions with control and coordination.
- To experiment with different ways of moving and how to use movement to express ideas, moods and feelings.
- To repeat movement patterns.

RE: Who is Jewish and what do they believe?

- The Mezuzah is a special object that reminds Jewish people about God.
- The Mezuzah is a scroll that has the Jewish prayer 'Shema' on it.
- Jewish people celebrate Shabbat which is a special day of the week to rest and think about God.
- Chanuka is a Jewish festival of light.

Science: Environment & Pollution

- Some materials can be recycled to make new objects.
- Reducing, reusing and recycling materials can help protect the environment.

History: Changes within living memory

- A king or queen is crowned in a special ceremony called a coronation.
- Monarchs in the UK do not have the power to make decisions alone.
- Queen Elizabeth II was the previous Queen of Great Britain and ruled for 75 years.
- King Charles was crowned king in 2023.
- Queen Elizabeth had a governess, but King Charles went to a school.
- Toys were made of different materials in the past.

PHSE: Celebrating Difference

I will learn about:

- Assumptions (stereotypes)
- The assumptions people sometimes make about boys and girls.
- Why bullying happens.
- The difference between right and wrong.
- How to look after myself.

Display - Learning Outcomes

This term, we will be publishing our letters to post in our school post box. We will then display our writing in the classroom on a washing line with our pictures of 'The Queen's Knickers' and 'The Queen's Hat'.