

## Year 2 Curriculum Overview – Autumn Term

### English

Children will be taught a variety of fiction and non-fiction genres, such as stories in familiar settings, traditional tales, information texts and poetry. Emphasis will be placed on the correct use of punctuation and grammar and children will be taught spelling rules and strategies to support their writing. Children will be encouraged to use cursive handwriting, using organised and clear presentation.

### Maths

Children will be developing a quick recall of their multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. They will establish a secure understanding of place value and develop mental strategies and written methods for all operations.

### Science

In Autumn A, Children will be focusing on a topic called 'Healthy Me'. They will learn about the importance of exercise and how to keep their bodies healthy.  
In Autumn B, they will be learning about the uses and properties of everyday materials.

### Computing

The unit of work for the Autumn term is *We Are Astronauts*. Children will be developing their communication skills through the use of ICT. They will be learning how to give a computer program an algorithm. Children will develop their knowledge of programming by using SCRATCH and Bee-bot.

### Geography

The children will be learning about the human and physical features around our beautiful town of Bedford. They will use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the UK and its countries.

### History

The children will be learning about the Great Fire of London. They will learn key facts about this significant event in history, develop their use of vocabulary and look at how historical sources can tell them more about the past.

### Art

The children will be developing their drawing skills, including how to create different types of lines. They will create a portrait and will be looking at Op art to draw their own optical illusion. The children study the work of Andy Warhol and use this to inspire their own compositions.

### Design & Technology

In Design Technology, the children will learn about where their food comes from. They will be looking at how their food changes from 'farm to fork' and will learn about basic food hygiene.

### RE

In RE, the children will be considering the key question, 'Who is an inspiring person?' They will suggest the qualities of an inspiring leader and discuss the ways that both Moses and Jesus inspire others.

### PSHE

This term the children are learning about rights, rules and responsibilities as well as developing an understanding of our whole school values.

### Physical Education (indoor)

In Indoor PE, children will be learning to listen and follow simple movements to a piece of music. They will choreograph their own dance.

### Physical Education (outdoor)

In Outdoor Games, children will learn to throw, catch and bounce in different ways and will learn skills for ball games.

### Music

In Music, the children will be taught through Kodaly singing. They will explore a variety of musical elements and instruments. The children will also receive singing lessons delivered by a professional singer. They will be preparing for an end of term Christmas concert at the Bedford Corn Exchange.

### Other Information

#### **Monet Class**

Miss Green and Miss Bulmer

#### **Matisse Class**

Miss Shakeshaft and Miss Ayub

#### **Gauguin Class**

Miss Gardner, Mrs Ruddell and Miss Zammit

### Useful Days to Remember

#### **Monet Class**

PE – Wednesday and Friday; Library – Tuesday

#### **Matisse Class**

PE – Monday and Friday; Library – Thursday

#### **Gauguin Class**

PE – Monday and Friday; Library - Tuesday

### Homework

Mon – Spellings (due on Fri)

Tue – Maths (due on Wed)

Wed – SPAG (due on Thurs)

Thu – Maths (due Fri)

### Reminders

- All children to bring a water bottle into school.
- Any changes to after school arrangements will need to be discussed with the class teacher or the school office.
- Please make sure all children's clothes are named.
- PE kits to be kept in school until the half term.
- No earrings to be worn on PE day. Tape/plasters to be brought into school if earrings cannot be removed.
- In P.E. children are expected to wear:

#### **Indoor P.E**

Purple t-shirts  
Black shorts

#### **Outdoor P.E**

Purple t-shirts  
Black shorts/ tracksuit bottoms  
Black jumper  
White trainers (not plimsolls)