

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. Children will participate in whole class, small group and individual reading sessions, where they will be able to discuss and answer questions on the book they are reading.

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, develop mental strategies and written methods for addition and subtraction. During maths lessons children will use a variety of methods including concrete, pictorial and abstract strategies.

Science

The children will be learning about living things and their environments. Children will be able to classify if objects are dead, alive or have never been alive. Children will also learn about different habitats and how they are suitable for different animals. In Autumn 2 the children will be learning about different materials and their purposes. Children will create experiments to test the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard.

Computing

The unit of work for the Autumn term is 'We Are Divers'. Children will be developing their communication skills through the use of ICT. They will be learning how to create an algorithm for a computer programme. Children will develop their knowledge of programming by using SCRATCH and Bee-Bots.

Geography

The children will be learning how to use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans.

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 optical 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

The children will be designing and making their own glove puppets based on our 'Under the Sea' theme. The children will learn and practise stitches suitable for joining and decorating. In Autumn 2 the children will be learning about Healthy Eating. They will learn about the importance of a healthy and balanced diet. Children will learn a range of culinary techniques enabling them to make a healthy salad.

PSHE

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

RE

This term, the children will be learning all about the Creation story and thinking about how we care for the earth.

Physical Education (indoor)

Children will be learning to listen and follow simple movements to a piece of music. They will choreograph their own dance based on our theme Blue Planet.

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 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.

Homework (Autumn 1 only)

Monday – Reading
 Tuesday – Reading
 Wednesday – Reading and Maths
 Thursday – Reading
 Friday – Reading

<u>Staffing</u>	<u>Reminders</u>
<p>Matisse Class: Mrs Clarke, Mrs Bilham, Mrs Scozzari and Mrs Choudhry Monet Class: Mrs Zaman and Miss Devi Gauguin Class: Miss Gardner and Mrs Cronin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children need to arrive promptly at school; all children will be collected from the playground at 8.50am. • All children need to bring a named water bottle into school. • Please make sure all children's clothes are named. • Any changes to after school arrangements will need to be discussed with the class teacher or the school office. • Discussions with teachers are welcomed, please arrange an appointment with the office • You will be invited to a Winter Wonderland performance at Bedford Corn Exchange on Tuesday 3rd December, details to follow