

English

Writing: We have so many wonderful books to enjoy this half term! We will be reading: Lots: The Diversity of Life on Earth and writing a setting description, writing instructions and retelling the Easter Story.

Reading: We will be picking up the pace in our reading and focusing on increasing our speed of reading. We will practise by learning to use the VIPERS skills to answer comprehension questions. A large focus this half term is to increase our confidence in reading and referring back to the text to find the answers.

Our whole class reader is Pippi Longstocking by Lauren Child.

Geography

Our new topic is `Continents & Oceans` and our key question is `What are the 7 continents and 5 oceans of the world?` The children will use maps, atlases and Google Earth to explore the oceans and continents.

PE

Our PE Days will be on **Wednesday** and a **Thursday**. The children will come to school in their PE kits- black leggings/joggers, white t-shirts and a school hoodie/jumper. Our topics this term are striking and fielding and Forest School.

PSHE

Our theme in PSHE is `Citizenship`. The children will learn what makes a good school environment, identify job roles in our local community, explore how differences should be respected and finally share their opinions on things that matter.

Computing

The children will build on their programming knowledge by using Scratch Jr. The children will identify different blocks and explain their basic use. They will create a simple sequence of instructions using at least three different blocks and learn to identify errors and debug their code effectively.

Maths This half term the children will be learning about:

Doubling and Halving

- Double and half numbers up to 20
- Double and Halve multiples of 10 up to 100

Division

- Divide numbers in the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.
- Explore equal groups
- Explore division through sharing
- Solve problems involving division

2D and 3D Shape

- Name 2D and 3D shape and explain their properties.

Our Year 2 Mission: This month's mission focuses on **Human Dignity** in a way that is meaningful and understandable for Year 2 children. With God at the heart of all we do, the children will learn that everyone is made in the image of God and is special and important. In class, we will share stories that celebrate differences, talk about how it feels to be left out and practise using kind and respectful words. We will also think about simple ways to make others feel valued - inviting someone new to join a game, sharing equipment fairly, listening carefully when others are speaking, and celebrating each other's achievements.



Religion

Our R.E. topic this half term is `Desert to Garden`. The children will learn about Jesus' journey during the season of Lent, reflecting on the important events leading up to Easter. They will explore **Jesus entering Jerusalem**, the **Last Supper**, and **Jesus dying on the cross**, understanding why these moments are so significant for Christians.

The children will think carefully about how Jesus' journey of love, sacrifice and obedience inspires us today. They will discuss how we can respond in our own lives by showing kindness, forgiveness and compassion to others.

Where is God in our Learning? In all areas of our learning, we reflect on how **God is at the heart of everything**. In Geography, the children will explore the continents and oceans of the world. In Science, learning about the incredible **materials God has placed on the Earth** and how these resources benefit us and help sustain life. In PSHE, through Citizenship, they will understand **how important every person is** and how everyone has a voice, recognising that God has made each of us unique and special. In English, the children will enjoy sharing **wonderful stories**, thinking about how stories can bring us together, foster kindness and reflect the love and joy that God has given us. In R.E, they will continue to explore key stories from the Bible, reflecting on God's guidance and the ways His love is shown through our actions. Across all subjects, children are encouraged to see God's presence in the world around them - in the people, the resources, and the opportunities they are given - and to consider how they can respond with gratitude, care and respect.

Spanish

The children will continue to work with Senior Lopez and learn simple sentences and phrases in Spanish.

Science

Children will be learning all about `Materials`. The children will learn to distinguish between an object and a material. Use scientific language to describe materials, create experiments where they test different materials and finally learn present their scientific findings.

DT

This term, Year 2 will be learning about **structures** in Design and Technology. They will explore what makes a structure strong and stable, looking at different examples and discussing how they are built. As part of their learning, the children will design and make **Baby Bear's chair**, thinking carefully about how to ensure it is sturdy and fit for purpose. They will investigate different methods of strengthening structures, such as using wider bases, adding supports and reinforcing joints.

Music

Our topic this term is **Space**. The children will use a range of classroom instruments to create their own short pieces of music inspired by this theme. They will focus on developing their instrumental skills, with particular attention to **dynamics** (loud and quiet sounds) and **tempo** (fast and slow music). The children will explore how changing these elements can help to create different moods, such as a slow, calm piece to represent floating in space or a fast, loud piece to show a rocket launch.