

English

During the first week will be writing instructions for wonderful walking and super sitting in school and agreeing a class charter for the year.

Foundational Skills

Children who are still working on the Read Write Inc. phonics scheme (up to grey books) will work on basic letter formation, sentence structure and punctuation and will complete a drawing club lesson.

The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark

The children will meet Plop, the owl who is afraid of the dark, and explore the story through reading, discussion, and creative writing. They develop their grammar skills by identifying nouns, adjectives, and powerful verbs, creating expanded noun phrases, and improving punctuation in their sentences.

Food Chains Poem

We will learn a poem and change the animals to make it a bout a different food chain.

Maths

Number Formation

The children will be learning to write each number to 100 correctly and ensuring they get the digits the right way around.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Place Value & Number

We will be practising counting forwards and backwards to 100. The children will learn to represent the numbers using counters on a tens frame and will learn how to draw these as pictorial representations with tens and ones.

We will learn about one more and one less than a number using the tens and ones digits to help. The children will use language greater than, less than and the same to compare the numbers. We will practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to prepare for learning our times tables.

We will then learn to add and subtract with numbers to ten and start to learn our number bonds off by heart.

Mental Maths

The children should be practising their + and – facts for all the small numbers with quick recall this term.

Science

Living Things and their Habitats

We will be learning about the the 7 live processes using the acronym MRS GREN. (Movement, Respiration, Sensitivity, Growth, Reproduction, Excretion and Nutrition).

We will establish whether things are living, dead or have never been alive.

We will be exploring habitats and micro habitats in school and will be learning about food chains.

We hope to have a visit from some feathery and furry friends to learn more.

PE

In the first Real PE unit, Year 2 children focus on developing their personal skills, such as trying their best, staying motivated, and working independently. Through fun games and activities, they also build fundamental movement skills like balance, coordination, and control. This unit encourages confidence, perseverance, and a positive attitude towards physical activity.

Please ensure children have a PE kit on their peg as days may vary. We will send PE kits home at the end of each half term or before if needed.

Music

Our first music unit focuses on learning about exploring pulse and rhythmic patterns.

Year 2 - Autumn 1st Half

The Enchanted Woodland

RE

GOSPEL: What is the good news Jesus brings?

In this unit, children explore the meaning of the Gospel, or “Good News,” and learn that Jesus came to reveal God’s love, forgiveness, and promise of salvation to all people. Through Gospel stories, they discover how Jesus welcomed others, cared for those in need, and taught people to live with faith, kindness, and compassion. Students are encouraged to reflect on how they can share the Good News in their own lives through loving actions, positive choices, and service to others.

Computing

In the first Natterhub unit, Year 2 children learn about **staying safe online** and being kind digital citizens. They explore how to use technology responsibly, understand what personal information is, and discuss how their words and actions can affect others online. This unit builds early awareness of online safety and encourages respectful, thoughtful behaviour when using digital devices.

If you require further information to support you as a parent, you may find these websites useful.

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

History

During Black History Month (October), we will celebrate diversity and give children an age appropriate overview of events from the past which have led to recent topical events.

Art

Collage

We will be working on some food chains collages linked to our science learning.

Jigsaw PSHE

In the first PSHE unit, *Being Me in My World*, Year 2 children explore their place in the class and school community. They learn about feelings, responsibilities, rules, and how their actions affect others. The unit encourages teamwork, setting goals, and understanding rewards and consequences, helping to build confidence, respect, and a strong sense of belonging.

