

Year 2 – Spring 1st Half

Magic and Colour



English & Reading

The Magic Paintbrush

We will read this traditional Chinese story in our English sessions, learning the story with a story map and innovating on the text to make our own story. We will be continuing to work on choosing adjectives to write expanded noun phrases and learning to use co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions. We will continue to improve our use of punctuation for sentences and use commas in a list.

The Magic Box

In this fun poem by Kit Wright, we will imagine what could go into a magic box. The original poem uses opposites (e.g a black sun) so we will challenge the children to come up with some of their own creative ideas to write their own poems.

Handwriting

Children will continue to learn to make their tall letters tall and small letters small and to form each letter correctly. Those who are ready will be encouraged to join their writing.

Reading

We will be reading – The Truth Pixie and The Day the Crayon's Quit. We will also read some animal stories and about Chinese New Year

Maths

Multiplication and Division

In maths this term our focus will be on building the understanding of multiplication and division through practical, visual methods. They learn to make and recognise equal groups, use repeated addition, and begin to see multiplication as "lots of." They also explore sharing and grouping to understand division. Children use arrays, number lines, and concrete resources to solve simple problems and start to recall key facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Mental Maths

The children should be practising their + and – facts for all the small numbers with quick recall and beginning to learn their times tables.



Science

Humans and Animals

This unit helps children understand how animals, including humans, grow and stay healthy. They learn about the life cycle of a frog, exploring how it changes from egg to tadpole to froglet and finally to an adult frog. Children also find out what humans need to keep healthy, using the Eatwell Plate to learn about food groups and how a balanced diet supports our bodies. They investigate how exercise, hygiene, and good choices help us stay well.

Music

This term, children explore how music can express different moods and create pictures in our imagination. They learn to recognise how tempo, dynamics, and timbre affect the feeling of a piece, and they experiment with using voices and instruments to show emotions. Children also begin to create simple patterns with pitch, developing their understanding of melody and how notes can move higher or lower. Listening, performing, and creative music-making all play a part in this lively, expressive unit.

Computing

Natterhub – Year 2 (Spring 1)

This half term, children learn how to stay safe and kind online. They explore what personal information is, how to make sensible choices when using devices, and how to communicate respectfully with others. The unit also helps them recognise feelings linked to online experiences and understand what to do if something worries or confuses them.

Art

Line

This half term, children learn how artists use different types of lines to create shapes, patterns, and detail. They look closely at buildings and practise using straight, curved, wavy, and zigzag lines to show features such as windows, roofs, and textures. The focus is on careful observation, developing control with drawing tools, and beginning to use lines purposefully to represent real structures.

PE

REAL PE – Year 2 Gymnastics

This half term, children will develop key gymnastics skills through balance, controlled movement, and creative sequencing. They practise holding stable shapes, travelling in different ways, and linking movements smoothly on both floor and simple apparatus. The unit also supports teamwork, confidence, and safe use of equipment.

Wild Tribe

We will have a fire and cook something to eat!

RE

Gospel

In this unit, children explore the Christian idea of "good news" and what Jesus taught about how people should live. They learn how stories from the Gospels show Christians ways to be kind, forgiving, and caring. Children think about how Christians believe Jesus brings good news through friendship, peace, and helping others, and they reflect on how these ideas can make a positive difference in everyday life. They also consider simple links between Christian beliefs and how Christians try to follow Jesus' example today.

Jigsaw PSHE

Dreams and Goals

In this unit, children learn to think about their own hopes and ambitions. They explore what it means to set a goal, practise breaking challenges into small achievable steps, and celebrate their progress. The lessons also help children recognise how it feels to overcome difficulties, work with others, and stay motivated. By the end of the unit, they understand that everyone has different dreams and that effort, perseverance, and teamwork can help them succeed.

DT

Healthy Wraps

Children learn about healthy eating and explore different ingredients before designing and making their own balanced wrap. They practise safe cutting skills and evaluate how well their wrap meets their design ideas.