

English

Instructions

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

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.

The Truth About Trolls

The children will explore a text to find out if trolls are as bad as they seem. They will study the sentence structure of the text and change it to write their own about owls.

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 t7 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.

We will also have a multiskills session each week with our sports coach.

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.

RE

Who is a Muslim and how do they live? (Part 1)

We will be learning about Muslims, how they pray and things that are important to them. We will be learning about the 5 pillars of Islam and about Eid-al-fitr.

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/>

We will also be making pictograms linked out our Science.

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

The children will learn to use ripped and straight edges to make collage pictures of owls and use what they have learnt in Science to show who eats who in a food chain.

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.

Year 2 – Autumn 1st Half

The Enchanted Woodland

