

English

Firework Shape Poems & Remembrance Poems

We will read and write some fun firework poems and then write our own. We will read 'Flanders Fields' and work on some comprehension skills links to this.

The Elves and the Shoemaker

In this unit, children learn to retell and innovate the story of *The Elves and the Shoemaker*. They explore characters and the setting while developing vocabulary, sequencing, and writing stamina.

Christmas Around the World

Ahead of our performances, we will learn lots of facts about Christmas around the world and write some facts sheets to display.

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.

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

Addition and Subtraction

Children will build confidence with addition and subtraction using numbers up to 100. They learn to use partitioning and recombining and mental strategies to solve problems. Pupils explore fact families, inverse operations, and apply their skills to word problems, helping them understand how numbers work together in everyday contexts. We will continue to practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to prepare for learning our times tables.

Mental Maths

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

Geography

This term, children will explore key geographical concepts to build their understanding of the world around them. They will:

Learn the names and locations of the world's seven continents and five oceans, using maps and globes.

Explore hot and cold areas of the world, linking them to the Equator and the North and South Poles.

Identify human and physical features in different environments (e.g. buildings, rivers, mountains).

Use simple compass directions (North, South, East, West) to describe location and movement.

These lessons help children develop map skills, global awareness, and vocabulary to describe places clearly and confidently.

Music

Musical Moods and Pictures

Children explore how music can express feelings and tell stories. They listen to different pieces, respond with movement and voice, and create their own soundscapes. The unit builds confidence, creativity, and emotional awareness through fun, imaginative activities that connect music with mood and meaning.

We will also be learning and singing lots of Christmas songs for our performance.

Year 2 - Autumn 2nd Half

Around the World

RE

Incarnation – Why is Christmas important to Christians?

We will be learning about Christianity. We will learn to give a clear, simple account of the story of Jesus' birth and why Jesus is important for Christians. We will think, talk and ask questions about Christmas for people who are Christians and for people who are not.

PE

In the second Real PE unit, Year 2 children focus on developing their social skills through Dance.

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.

Computing

We will be learning about Algorithms (sets of instructions) and we will learn to control sprites within the program 'Scratch'. We will learn to debug the programs we have created.

History

Following Black History Month (October), we will continue to celebrate diversity. We will also be learning about Remembrance and taking part in the poppy scattering with the Juniors at Victoria Park.

Art

Pattern

Children will explore fabric design inspired by William Morris's nature-themed patterns. First, they learn what a pattern is and design their own using shapes, repetition, and colour—building on previous relief printing skills.

Next, they will choose a favourite design and use it to create patterned fabric. The unit encourages creativity, careful observation, and appreciation of decorative arts, laying the foundation for future textile work and linking art with design and technology.

Jigsaw PSHE

Unit 2: Celebrating Difference

This PSHE unit helps children explore how everyone is special and unique. They learn to recognise and respect differences in appearance, personality, and background. The unit introduces the idea of stereotypes and teaches children how to be kind, inclusive, and confident in themselves. It also covers what bullying is, how it feels, and what to do if it happens. Through stories, discussions, and activities, children build empathy, celebrate diversity, and practise standing up for themselves and others in a safe way. The aim is to create a caring classroom where everyone feels valued and accepted.