



Curriculum Newsletter – Spring 1 2026



Year 2

Please read this curriculum newsletter carefully, it explains what we will be covering this half term in all subjects.

English

Speaking and Listening

This year, children will be encouraged to speak articulately and in full sentences. There will be plenty of opportunities within the curriculum for the children to explore the English language and become confident speakers to different audiences. This will be supported by their reading opportunities within school which is supported by Read, Write inc phonics.

Reading

Some children will continue to develop their phonics skills through daily phonics lessons, while others will be taking part in whole class reading sessions linked to the phonics lesson, to continue to develop reading skills. This will help children begin to develop their comprehension skills while building fluency and accuracy when reading. Children will be heard read at least once a week, but we encourage reading at home regularly.

Writing

This term, the children will be practicing handwriting throughout daily handwriting lessons and English lessons. The children will also be developing their vocabulary through various writing styles.



Maths

The maths topics we will be covering this term are addition and subtraction (with money), and multiplication and division, length and height, mass, capacity and temperature! We will look at grouping and sharing to develop multiplication and division skills as well as daily times table lessons. Most lesson begins with an anchor task, a hook for the children to show what they already know and to deepen their learning through questions and concrete resources. The children are encouraged to do Numbots and Times Tables Rockstars at home to help them with their maths.



Science

In Science, we will be focusing plants the children will be learning how plants grow and what plant need to be able to grow and stay healthy. The children will be observing and describing how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants and find out how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.



Geography.

This term is all about continents and oceans. We will exploring the different continents, their names and places on globes and maps. We will be using our knowledge of position and using the points on a compass to describe where these continents are. We will be looking into the hot and cold parts of the world using language like equator, closer to, further from to explain why. Finally, we will understand physical features of a desert and compare polar regions.



Art

This term in Art we will be looking at 'My Favourite Place'. During this topic we will be looking at different type of lines, landscape painting and primary secondary colours.



Music

This term in music we will be focusing on exploring feelings through music. We will be continuing to use and understand key vocab like beat, pitch, pulse, tempo and dynamics. We will be learning a variety of songs and we will have the opportunity to use the musical instruments like glockenspiels again.



RE

The children will develop their understanding of rules in society and within faiths. We will look in more detail at the rules within Christianity, Islam and Sikhism. We will look at the Ten Commandments, the Five Pillars and the rules of Islamic prayer.



PSHE

We will be focusing on health and wellbeing this term, focusing particularly on our feeling; what they feel like in our bodies, how different situations can affect our feeling and how our feelings can change. We will also be focusing on developing peaceful relationships this term, we will be reading our No outsider text 'Amazing' – Steve Antony. We will be discussing what makes a good friend? By the end of this topic children will be able to talk about what a friend is and how to be a good friend.



PE

For PE this term, year 2 are doing gymnastics. They will be combining balances, rolling and jumping to create a sequence with control and flexibility. Please remember PE is on Monday and Tuesday. Children must come to school in their PE kit. A PE kit consists of a white t shirt, black/navy blue shorts/joggers and black pumps.



Computing

The children will be using beebot to understand the concept of programming. Initially we will begin to understand what is needed to program a set of instructions, using these instructions we will be programming the beebots to move. The children will focus on the vocabulary, left, right, forwards, backwards, clockwise and anti-clockwise.



French

The children will be exposed to the French language throughout the year both in class and through specific language days. They will learn the days of the week, primary colours and animals.

Key dates:

Key dates will be communicated when they are confirmed.

Key information:

P.E will be on a Monday and Tuesday.

Home readers will be changed on a weekly basis.