

Music

The children will have a weekly recorder lesson led by Music Partnership North.

Our unit of work this half term is "Hands, feet, Hearts." We will be learning to sing in a round and use call and echo songs to practice developing pitch and tempo. We will use percussion instruments to create accompaniments and sound effects as well as learning to play different rhythms. We will also learn to play particular parts of a song with glockenspiels.



PE

This half term the children will continue to developing basic skills in PE led by a coach from Magpie Sports.

In addition, the children will continue to develop key skills in gymnastics such as thinking about travelling, low and high and linking a series of movements together on the ground and with apparatus. The children's PE kits should be brought into school at the start of the half term and they will be sent home at the end of the half term.



Art and Design Technology

In Art we will be exploring the work of William Morris, looking at different tie dying and block printing techniques, we will then plan and create our t-shirt and finally evaluate our work.

In Design Technology we will learn be researching, designing, creating, testing and evaluating a bridge.



What can you do to help?

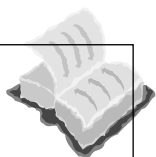
- Maths homework will be issued every Wednesday and should be handed in the following Monday. There will also be a booklet of activities relating to our topic issued, the children can complete tasks within this, in order to extend their learning. Work completed will be celebrated within school.
- Reading books will be changed on a Wednesday or Thursday. Read with your child regularly, and encourage them to read out aloud using expression. Ask questions about the book they have read and make a comment in their reading journal each time you read.
- Work with your child to enable them to become more confident at reciting their number facts, times tables and reading and writing their common exception words.
- Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every week; t-shirt, shorts, plimsolls as well as leggings or tracksuit books for outside PE.



Curriculum Information Year 2 Spring Term 1

Map Skills
Our Country and Around
the World

English



This half term we will be looking at stories from other cultures.

We will be using stories such as 'Hansel and Gretel', 'Baba Yaga' and looking at how to use exciting vocabulary to make our own writing interesting for the reader.

We will learn about parts of speech, adverbs, homophones and suffixes as well as developing our current knowledge.

We will develop our writing for different purposes such as recounts and humorous poetry.

Also, we will be learning to read for understanding by completing comprehension activities and finding the answers in the texts that we read.

History



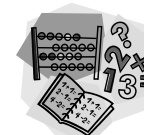
Our main topic this half term will be Geography. However, there will be a key focus of William Morris within art and what period of history he was from. We will consider the similarities and differences of art work and textiles then and now.

Geography

Our topic this half term we will use simple compass directions (north, south, east and west) and locational and directional language [for example, near and far, left and right], to describe the location of features and routes on a map.

We will then move on to our topic "Around the World". We will use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as locate the countries, 7 continents and 5 oceans. Then we will name, locate and identify characteristics of the 4 countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas.

Mathematics



In Maths this term we will complete our addition and subtraction topic adding and subtracting 2 2-digit numbers. We will problem solve a reason within this. We will then use this to solve money problems and go on to develop our multiplication and division skills and learning to reason and solve problems using key facts. Also we will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes. Telling the time will be a focus this half term including solving problems about the duration of events.

You can help by helping your child to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes and remember to keep practising the times tables and learning number facts.

Computing



This half term the children will be looking at data, how it can be presented and interpreted. Children will have to gather the data and then select the most appropriate method to display the data they have captured.

Science



This half term we will look at materials and their properties. We will consider why materials are suitable for different uses. We will conduct experiments to investigate how waterproof objects are and how some materials can change when subject to push and pull forces etc. We will also look at recycling and how to sort materials according to their properties. Encourage your child to do the recycling at home!

RE/PHSCE



In RE this half term we will be learning about the religion of Islam. This will include retelling some stories from the Quran and describing the Five Pillars of Islam. We will identify similarities and differences between Christianity and Islam and encourage the children to ask questions about the Quran and Islamic beliefs. We hope to visit the mosque.

In PSHE our main question is "What jobs do people do?" We will continue to explore this as well as focussing on our KS1 global goals.