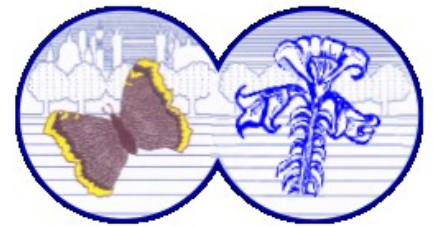


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CURRICULUM NEWS FOR THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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English



In the first half of the Summer Term, Year 2 will be learning about space, concentrating on the Moon.

This will begin with reading a story by author Simon Bartram called 'Man on the Moon'. This funny story features a man called Bob who doesn't believe in aliens. The children will write letters and questions to Bob to find out more about the moon and his fascinating job.

The children will then learn about the real men who first walked on the Moon in 1969. This work will be cross curricular with their history topic on Great Explorers such as Neil Armstrong.

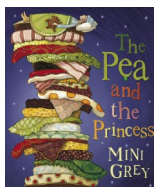
Both classes will then complete research to find out facts and information about the Moon. This



knowledge will be used to do some wonderful non-fiction writing including making their own

information leaflet for visitors to the Moon!

After half term, the children will be exploring different books involving plants, linking with their Science topic. They will read texts such as 'The Pea and the Princess' by Mini Grey and 'The Gigantic Turnip' by Aleksei Tolstoy.



The children will write retellings as well as diary entries and letters based around these fantastic books.

Reading

At school, your child reads weekly with an adult and with their teacher as part of their Guided Reading sessions. This reading will support their learning, however, the biggest impact for your child will be when you read with them **every day** at home.

We urge you to spend ten to fifteen minutes **EVERY** day reading with your child. This daily reading and discussion about the text is essential for their ability to decode and answer comprehension questions, which is a vital skill for future learning across the whole curriculum.

The children also have an opportunity to take home a weekly library book of their choice. The children can keep these books at home until they need to change them. Both classes have a weekly library time when they can change their books.

Green: Tuesday Library Day
Orange: Monday Library Day

Phonics

The children will continue their daily phonics lessons this term. Please be aware of which phase your child is working on and support them with their phonics at home.

If you are not sure of which phase your child is currently working on, please speak to their class teacher.

ICT

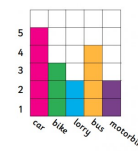
In ICT we will continue to use programming software working on an understanding of loops, debugging and conditionals.

Maths

In Maths for the first half term we will be consolidating and building upon the children's knowledge of:



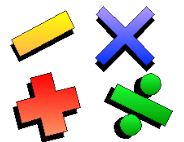
- Place Value
- Addition and subtraction: adding and taking away mentally as well as using empty number lines and solving word problems.
- Multiplication: using multiplication facts for the 2, 5 and 10 x tables as well as solving word problems.
- Division: using division facts for the 2, 3, 5 and 10 x tables as well as solving word problems.



- Measurement: length cm and m

After Half Term we will be consolidating and building upon the children's knowledge of:

- Statistics (using tally charts and interpreting block diagrams)
- Fractions
- Time, position and direction
- Money



Please continue to help your children to learn their 2, 3, 5 and 10 x tables securely and then move on to division facts relating to these multiplication facts.

Number Wizard Badges

Children will also be working to improve their mental maths. As the children improve, they win badges! At the moment, children in year 2 are working on badges 2, 3 and 4!

It will benefit your child to practise their number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 at home as well as their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. To win a badge they have to recall these facts really quickly. The more they practice the better!

Religious Education

This term the children will begin their Religious Education lessons by learning about 'Eastertide'. The children will



deepen their knowledge and understanding that Jesus rose from the dead at Easter and is present with us today. The children will learn about the appearance of Jesus to his disciples and his Ascension to heaven.

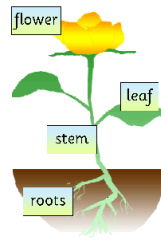
Next they will discuss the events of Pentecost and the symbols of the Holy Spirit.

In the second half of the Summer Term, the children will complete a topic called 'The Birth of the Church'.

Throughout the topic, the classes will learn about the early Christian community and discuss that we are part of the Christian community today reflecting on how they can take an active role in this. In lessons, they will learn that the Holy Spirit enabled the disciples to spread the Good News and will be encouraged to think about how they can spread the Good News in their lives. The children will also learn about Peter's escape from prison and reflect upon the meaning of this story.



As previously mentioned, any discussion with your child on these topics, in addition to attending church, will benefit their learning and progress as well as deepen their connection with their developing faith.



Science

During the first half of the summer term, both classes are learning about 'Animals and Humans'. This topic begins by looking at life cycles and discusses how humans change as they grow. Later in the topic the

children's learning will be focussing on healthy living. The classes will learn about healthy eating and exercise. They will then link this with their English work on space to find out about how astronauts stay fit and healthy when they are living in space. During the second half of the term, year 2 will be learning about 'Plants'. During this topic, they will observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. They will also find out and describe how plants need water, light and a good temperature to be healthy.

Art

Over the term, the children will develop techniques of using different media in their Art lessons, including: paint, collage and pencil to mention just a few! The theme of their lessons will be based around their learning, mostly cross curricular with their English lessons. They will start with some beautiful art work based around Space. Both classes will also be learning about an artist this term. Every child will produce a piece of artwork in the style of this artist which will be framed and displayed in the school Art Gallery on 20th May. Please come along from 3pm-5pm.



Homework

The homework we set consolidates the learning we have been doing in class that week. Please support your child at home and feel free to ask questions if you do not understand anything. Weekly spellings are sent home on a Friday.

Humanities



During the Summer term, the children will learn about the lives of significant individuals in the past. This will include Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus. Much of this work will be linked with the children's English lessons.

Physical Education

This term in outdoor PE, year 2 are learning about Net Games which will begin with tennis. Indoor PE will continue to develop core skills such as: balance, movement and agility.



Music



This term, weekly Music lessons will continue to be taught by Mr Bennett. The children will continue to learn the names of the strings and are beginning to play more complex chords. As the children are getting more confident on the ukulele, they are beginning to perform simple songs together which they perform in small groups and as a whole class. Hymn Practice takes place every week on a Thursday morning.

Computing

During the summer term, year 2 will be using the i-pads to research and present data. The children will be taught to challenge data on the internet whilst accessing appropriate sites to find reliable information. Both classes will then be introduced to PowerPoint to present the information they have found and share their learning with others. This research and presentation will be based around their topic on Space.



Please note:

The correct PE kit must be worn at all times.

This consists of a plain white T-shirt and navy blue shorts and a tracksuit in colder weather.

Please ensure that your child also wears trainers or plimsolls that fit.

Green: Wednesday (outdoor PE)
Friday (indoor PE)

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