

Welcome to Year 2

The teachers, Mrs Jones and Mrs Sproson are supported by Mrs Clowse.

In Year 2, this half term we shall be covering...

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In Maths, this half term we will be covering addition and subtraction. The children will be using concrete objects to represent numbers and find the total or the difference. The children will be using subtraction to find the missing numbers.

We will be focusing on our number bonds to 100 and will continue to practice our 2, 3 and 5 times tables.



This half term in English, we will be continuing our poetry unit and then exploring narrative. We will use expanded noun phrases and similes to create our own verses for our poem. In our narrative unit, we will fully engage in a narrative model and learn the structure of the story; introduction, dilemma and resolution.



This half term, in Science we will be exploring the topic of living things and their habitats.

Within this topic, we shall be learning about what makes something alive, what a microhabitat/habitat is and why an animal is suited to its habitat. We will also be designing and creating our own habitat.



This half term, we are studying Geography. Within this area of study, our children will learn about the continents and oceans of the world.

We will complete map work using atlases and Google Earth. The children will be comparing continents with Europe and look at similarities and differences of natural/physical features.

They will also learn the names of the oceans of the world and begin to know where they are located.



This term in Music, we will perform Christmas favourites on the piano. We have started learning Jingle Bells. Using five finger position, standard notation and developing our skills in piano playing.

Watch out Mozart and Bach - the next great composers and performers are learning in Mere Green.



Our Art lessons this half term will be with our Art specialist Mrs Shellam. The children will be focusing on exploring the qualities of different drawing materials such as 2B pencils and wax crayons. The children will learn to use different pressures to create different tones. They will also be developing their observation drawing skills through drawing animals.



In Forest School, Year 2 will be celebrating Diwali, Remembrance Day and Christmas. We will also be honing our tool work skills as we recap our “tool talks” which are safety guidelines that the children must recite and remember before we use any of the forest school tools.

This term we will be delving into Christianity and considering why they believe Jesus, a baby born at Christmas, was a gift from God. We will look at the Christmas story and the reasons Christians believe he was born. We will consider what ‘saving’ means and ‘ask does our world need saving?’ (links to global warming) and ask why Christians believe the world needed saving when Jesus was born.



Within PSHE we have focused on regulating our emotions as part of the introduction to our schools new behaviour policy.

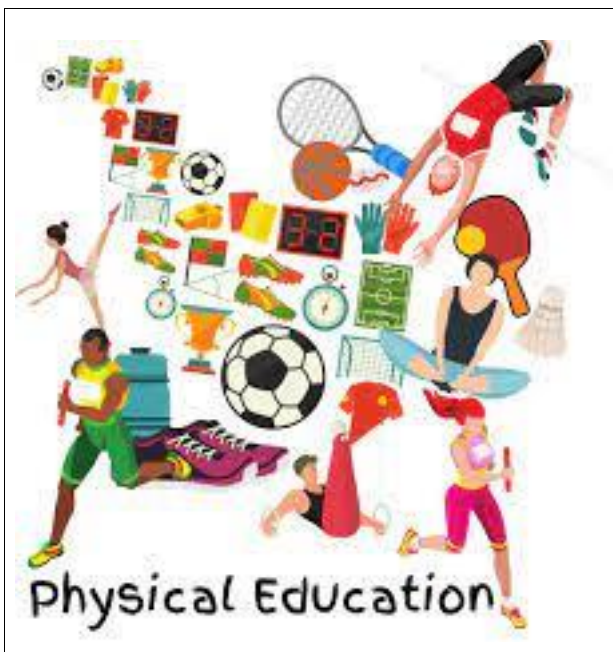
In addition, we’ll be exploring worries and fears by understanding that everyone feels these emotions. We will be discussing what makes us feel these emotions, what to do when we are feeling worried or scared and who or what can help us.

We will also be looking at how children can positively resolve conflict and what they can do if the conflict isn’t being resolved.



This half term, we will be learning about information technology. The children will explore how and when information technology is used to store, retrieve and exchange electronic data.

We will continue to learn how to use the internet on our iPads to collect research within various subjects.



In PE, our focus will be on 'dance' and we will be retrieving our knowledge about the great fire of London to create our own routine. We will be stretching our bodies to encourage flexibility, extension and balance and posture. We will use differing parts of bodies to create shapes and movements. Counting will be very important in this unit, as we will be using 2 beat and 4 beat patterns to dance with the music we eventually perform to.

PE is still on a Wednesday and Friday.