




Welcome to Year 2

The teachers, Mrs Sproson, Miss Whateley and Mrs Watts are supported by Mrs Carroll, Mrs Cox and Miss Williams.

In Year 2, this half term we shall be learning the following in each subject area.

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|  | <p>In Maths, this half term we will be learning numbers to 100 using Power Maths. We will partition numbers up to 100 into tens and ones and use objects, such as base ten, to represent and explain answers. We will be practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will explore key mathematical vocabulary that we can use to explain the reasoning behind our answers. The children will also be completing a daily fluency lesson.</p> |
|  | <p>This half term in English, we will be exploring the story of 'Pirate Tom' and an instructional text called 'how to capture a star'. We will then independently apply the skills learnt whilst studying these texts in our own journey stories and instructional text.</p> <p>Everyday, children will be engaging in 'Read Write Inc' or 'Shared Reading' to further their reading skills. In story time, children will enjoy a rich array of children's books and poetry while learning the meaning of more challenging vocabulary. We will be starting with 'Flat Stanley' by Jeff Brown.</p> |
|  | <p>This half term, in Science we will be exploring the topic of everyday materials. We will look at materials around us and investigate their properties. Questions will be posed to get the children thinking about certain materials 'suitability' eg Can we use chocolate to make a teapot?</p> <p>The children will be carrying out lots of practical experiments to really help them develop their knowledge of materials.</p> |



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 learn to play the piano through reading standard notation. We will develop our musicianship skills and aural perception. We will listen to famous composers and piano pieces. We will use our voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes. The book which we use in school is called "Me and my piano" (part 1), if your child is taking piano lessons in the school, they are encouraged to bring in their music pieces and use the time to practice. Every child has an individual musical journey, and we believe that it is important to provide all children with the opportunities to play a musical instrument in school.

Suggested listening:

<https://youtu.be/gNBsy8a1Gxw?si=EOBzZUuCEyupXKPa>



Year 2 will be focusing on drawing this half term. The children will be learning to use a 2B pencil like a real artist! They will explore the elements of art including line, shape and value.



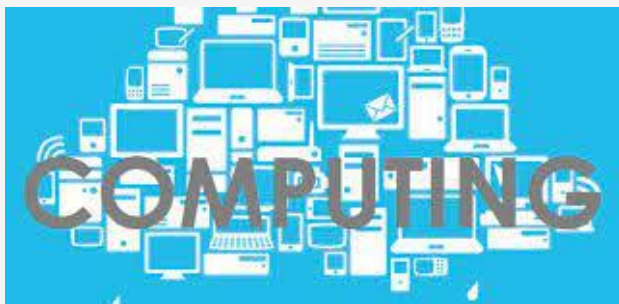
In Forest School, Year 2 will be focussing on using large ropes and cutting string independently. Children will be shown how to use sheath knives and loppers safely. The children will be introduced to some more sophisticated knots for attaching to structures (round turn and two half hitches) and simple lashing (square) to make frames and other structures. Year 2 children will take part in a campfire cooking activity and learn about fire safety. Children will grade their own tinder and kindling for the fire and learn about the fire triangle.



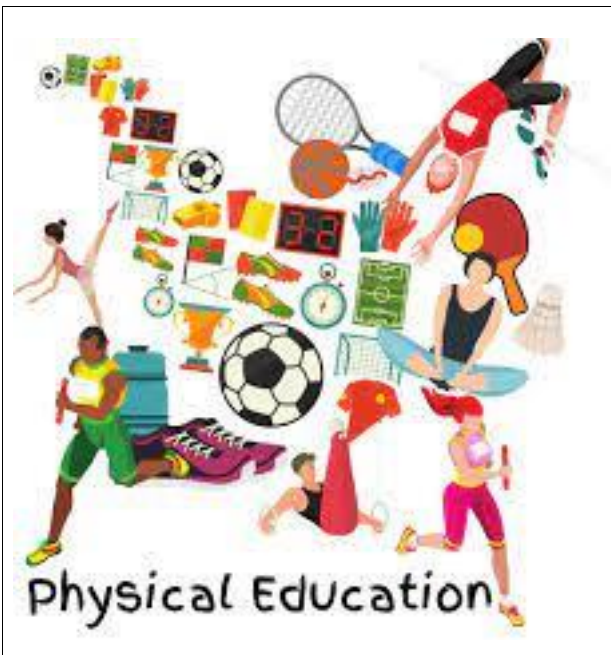
This term we will be delving into Christianity and thinking about what Jesus taught his followers. We are learning to re-tell Bible stories that show kindness, and to explore how this makes Christians behave towards other people.



Within PSHE this term the focus is on families and relationships. We will be learning that families are composed of different people who offer each other care and support. Learning how other people show their feelings and how to respond to them. We will also be looking at conventions of manners and developing an understanding of self-respect.



This half term, we will be learning how to use the iPads and safely search the internet for information which will enhance learning in certain subject areas. We will also learn how to take photographs of everyday objects in a variety of lighting conditions and different angles. We will then practise adjusting focus and exposure to optimise images and use editing tools to bring photos to life.



In PE, our focus will be on Fundamental Movements Skills.

We will be learning and demonstrating how to balance by using our arms and eyes to maintain poise and concentration as well as exploring different ways to jump. We will ensure children understand how to move through spaces safely while doing their different movements and travelling skills. Eventually, we will introduce a ball and accurately transfer it to others in different ways.