

Phonics and English

Phonics – We will continue to work in small groups in our phonics sessions, learning to read and spell three new sounds a week. In our groups we will read books matched to our reading ability and also complete writing activities based on our reading.

English – The children who have completed the phonics program continue to focus on their writing skills, including spellings. We will be looking at short texts together to introduce the children to comprehension activities.

Guided reading – We continue to enjoy our group reading sessions. We are working on discussing key events in a text and finding answers in the text.

Year 2 – Spring 1



Maths

Addition and Subtraction – We continue to recap subtracting from Year 1, extending it to work with numbers to 100. We are working on adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers. We will use our calculation skills to solve simple word problems.

Length and Height – This half term, we will be measuring in centimetres and metres. We will compare and order lengths and heights.

PE

Invasion Games – We will be learning the skills involved in team ball games. In this unit, pupils develop their understanding of the principles of defending and attacking. Learning how to score points in games and learn to play to the rules.

Science

Materials – We are continuing with our work on identifying uses of materials based on their various properties. We will be discussing the importance of fair testing of the materials.

Life Cycles – Without giving too much away to the children ... we are 'eggcited' for some little visitors to help us with our work on life cycles ... We will be observing our 'visitors' very closely to identify changes in growth.

At Home

Thank you for the support from home. Please continue to read regularly at home to help improve fluency and comprehension. If your child is reading Read Write Inc. books, please practise any vocabulary checks in the front of the book and use the Q and A section at the back. Our Maths work takes quite a jump from Year 1 and regular practise of basic skills is important. Don't forget to make any maths learning fun by using games, one of my favourite free websites for maths games is Topmarks. Please let me know if I can help with anything.

History

The Monarchy – In this Kings and Queens unit, we will find out about significant British monarchs in history. We will use timelines and historical sources to build up a picture of what life may have been like under the rule of monarchs, and try to answer our big question: Who would you prefer to be your monarch? We will look into how the role of the monarchy has changed over time.

Computing

Programming and algorithms – In this unit we will be following simple algorithms (instructions). We will explore and make simple algorithms that control an on screen character using Scratch software.

RE

Local Church: Community – Our 'Books' topic will help us to know and understand about the different books used at home and in school. We will then look at the books used in Church on Sunday by the parish family.

Eucharist – We know of Mass as Jesus' special meal. We will discuss different ways to say thank you. We will learn about the Eucharist being way that the parish family thanks God for Jesus.

Music

How does music teach us about the past? – This Unit will focus on dynamics (soft/loud) and tempo (speed). We will listen to a range of music and begin to think about music as being a storyteller and timetraveller.

Important dates/ information

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 6th February

Art

Painting – This unit is 'Expressive Painting'. We will be recapping our colour mixing work and make some paintbrushes. We will look closely at the work of Van Gogh and take inspiration from some of his landscapes to create our very own masterpiece.

Personal Development

We will be learning about how God loves us and explore special people in our lives around us.