

# Year 2 2023-24



## Autumn 1

# Parent/Carer Overview

The Core

Reading/ Phonics	
<b>Phonics</b>	In phonics your child will be focusing on alternative spellings for different vowel sounds and reading high frequency words.
<b>Reading</b>	Every morning they will practice their reading skills in Book Club. They will bring home their phonics reading books every day. Please read with your child at home and comment in their reading record.
Writing	
<b>Retell- The Foggy Foggy Forest</b>	This text is an introduction to rhyme and features characters from various well known traditional tales. Your child will learn the text off by heart and retell it in their books.
<b>Character description – The Foggy Foggy Forest</b>	Your child will become more familiar with the term 'adjectives' and learn how to select and use them effectively in their own writing. They will study a model text and use this as a guide to create their own character description.
Maths	
<b>Number and place Value</b>	In maths, your child will be revisiting numbers from 0-20 and then extending to 100. They will learn to recognise the value of each digit in a two-digit number and use this knowledge to add and subtract multiples of 10.  They will learn the symbols for more than, less than and equal to and be able to use them to compare numbers.
Science	
<b>Animals and Their Habitats</b>	Your child will explore things that are alive, dead and never alive. They will identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited. Your child will describe how habitats provide basic needs for animals.  They will be able to identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats. Your child will describe how animals get their food from plants and other animals using the idea of food chains.

The Creatives

Art & Design	
<b>Fire!</b>	Your child will be using their knowledge and learning from their history topic- The Great Fire of London- to explore tint, tone, and shade through the theme of fire.  They will create an individual painting of The Great Fire of London using the style of Claude Monet using charcoal and acrylic paint.
Design & Technology	
<b>DT will be taught in Autumn 2.</b>	
Music	
<b>Recorders</b>	This half term, your child will be learning to play the recorder. They will learn about music grids, which is a system of writing music by putting symbols into a grid. They will also focus on timing and patterns in music.  <b>Music of the Moment</b>  Each morning they will listen to the 'Music of the Moment'. They will have the opportunity to discuss the music- what they liked; what they could hear; and how it made them feel.

The Humanities

Geography	
<b>Village, town or city?</b>	In geography your child will be able to identify whether a settlement is a village, town or city. They will also be able to explain how they know by describing the common features of each type of place.  They will learn to read a map of the local area, and play places that we will visit on our class trip.  They will recap their knowledge of the UK and learn about their capital cities.
RE	
<b>The Bible</b>	Your child will learn about why the Bible is special to Christians through looking at stories from the Bible and how the Bible is treated and used. They will explore the Christian belief in God as loving parent creator who cares about his creation and make links between these beliefs and the responsibility of human beings to care for the world. They will reflect on their own feelings and ideas and values in relation to their learning about authority, respect and caring for the natural world.
History	
<b>History will be taught in Autumn 2.</b>	

The Wider Curriculum

PE	
<b>Invasion games</b>	Your child will work on the skills needed to play invasion games such as handball, netball, football, rugby and basketball. They will work together to attack and defend with the aim of scoring points in their opponent's territory. They will learn to pass.  Teamwork is one of our Ribbon Virtues, and your child will be encouraged to demonstrate this in PE as well as other areas of school life.
Computing	
<b>IT All Around Us</b>	Your child will learn to recognise common uses of information technology beyond school.  They will learn to use technology safely and respectfully, keeping personal information private; identify where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content or contact on the internet or other online technologies.
MFL	
<b>Building Foundations</b>	In support to the teaching of French in KS2, your child will be encouraged to listen, repeat and use simple French greetings, listen and follow instructions and begin to recognise names of simple numbers
PSHE	
<b>Being me in my world</b>	In PSHE, your child will explore their hopes and fears for the year and learn about their rights and responsibilities as a member of the school. They will take part in discussions to decide on rewards and consequences and how to be safe and fair in our learning environment. They will explore how to ensure they value contributions from their peers, making good choices and how to recognise their feelings and those of others.