Year 2 2026-27

Term 1 Parent/Carer Overview

The Core

Reading/ Phonics

Phonics

In phonics your child will be focusing on alternative spellings for different vowel sounds and reading high frequency words.

Reading

Every morning they will practice their reading skills in Book Club. In addition to reading in class, they will bring home their phonics reading books every day. Please read with your child at home and comment in their reading record.

Writing

Place Value Punctuation

Your child will be introduced to grammatical features of a sentence. They will continue to explore what makes a sentence, preparing them for writing independently.

Hedgehog Fact File

Based on 'The Hodgeheg' by Dick King-Smith, Your child will use knowledge of sentence structure and their own research to write a fact file about hedgehogs. They will learn how to organise and group their ideas using subheadings.

Maths

Number and place Value

In maths, your child will be revisiting numbers from 0-20 and extending their knowledge to numbers to 100. They will learn to recognise the value of each digit in a two-digit number and use this 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 and order numbers.

Science

Living Things and Their Habitats

Your child will explore things that are alive, dead and have never been 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

Fire!

Your child will explore paint and contrast in colour (tint tone and shade) through the theme of fire, in art lessons.

Focusing on the artist: J. M. W. Turner, they will create an individual painting of The Great Fire of London using charcoal and acrylic paint.

This will link to our history topic later in the term.

Design & Technology

Design & Technology will be taught in Term 2.

Music

Recorders

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.

The Humanities

Geography

Village, town or city?

In geography, your child will recap their knowledge of the UK and learn about their capital cities.

They will learn how to identify whether a settlement is a village, town or city. They will also explain how they know by describing the common features of each type of place.

In addition, your child will learn to read a map of the local area, and plot places, that we will visit, on a map.

RE

The Bible

Your child will learn about why the Bible is special to Christians through looking at stories from the Bible and how it is treated and used.

They will explore the Christian belief in God as loving parent and creator and make links between this and the responsibility of people to care for the world.

They will reflect on their own feelings and ideas and values in relation to caring for the natural world.

History

History will be taught in Term 2.

The Wider Curriculum

PE

Invasion Games

Your child will work on the skills needed to play invasion games, focusing this term, on football. They will work together to attack and defend with the aim of scoring points in their opponent's territory. They will learn to pass.

Commando Joe

Your child will take part in missions to solve problems as part of a team and independently. They will learn ways to help themselves without over reliance on adults, be persistent in their attempts to succeed and not give up so easily, and know why rules are important.

Computing

Technology All Around Us

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.

Additionally, they will identify where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content or contact on the internet or other online technologies.

MFL

Building Foundations

In support of 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

Being me in my world

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, make good choices and how to recognise their feelings and those of others.