



Year 2 Spring

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a fantastic Christmas holiday and that you have spent much needed quality time with your family and friends. Spring is a busy term full of learning and we cannot wait to get started!

Maths

As Mathematicians in Year 2 the children will be counting forwards and backwards in ones, twos, fives and tens up to 100. We will also start to count above 100. They will practise adding two numbers together (starting with counting on and moving onto partitioning) and will begin to quickly recite the number bonds to 10, 20 and 100. The children will also learn how to solve simple subtractions. They will learn the features of 2D and 3D shapes and be able to name triangles, squares, rectangles, circles, hexagons, pentagons and octagons, and will also look at how to measure length and height.

English

In English, children will continue to practise spelling, grammar, handwriting and punctuation while applying this knowledge in stories, information texts and poems. Throughout the year, children will work towards securing their punctuation when writing and will be encouraged to use expanded noun phrases when adding description to their writing. *Expanded noun phrases give more detail about the noun i.e. rather than 'The crocodile swam in the water.' we encourage children to expand on the nouns using adjectives (describing words) so the sentence could become, 'The hungry, green crocodile swam slowly in the warm, shallow water.'*

Children will also continue to secure the use of conjunctions in their writing. *Conjunctions are joining words such as and, because, so, but, if, when etc. and they are used to expand or join ideas.*

Science

As Scientists the children will find out about living and non-living things. They will be learning how to identify living things, things that have never been alive and things that are dead. The children will also be learning about different habitats and how they are suited different animals.

RE

The children will be exploring the idea of God and what this concept means to Christians. Children will continue to ask questions and listen to different stories.

PSHE

Our focus this term will be the topics: Belonging to a community, digital resilience, and Money. Children will have the opportunity to discuss their thoughts and opinions on these topics.

Thematic

Our thematic units are cross-curricular, covering all the traditional subjects as well as more contemporary areas of study such as sustainability and well-being. In Year 2 we are Pathfinders.



Our first theme this term will be 'Land Ahoy'.

"Land Ahoy!" is a thematic unit, with a subject focus on science and geography. The science element is based around sound, speed and motion and begins by exploring how things move, linking with a pirate's journey around the continents and ocean. The unit concludes with an introduction to sound, focusing on sources of sound and the relationship between distance and volume. Threaded through is the theme of acting responsibly, with consideration for others.

Our second theme this term will be 'Dancing Spy'.



"Dancing Spy" is a competency-based thematic unit with a history focus, telling the inspirational story of Josephine Baker. She is famous for her performances on Broadway in New York, USA and across theatres in Europe, and was a key leader in the fight against segregation and racism. Pupils will learn, through her life story, all about her achievements and ongoing legacy.

MFL

Modern Foreign Languages will focus on French. Children will be given informal opportunities to experience and use the language.

P.E

This term there will be a focus on games. Children will be learning how to throw and catch using different apparatus.

