

Curriculum Newsletter

CLASS / YEAR GROUP: 2

TERM / HALF TERM: Autumn 1

OUR LEARNING THIS HALF TERM

A short, parent-friendly overview of the knowledge, skills and experiences children will develop.

Reading

What we are learning this half term..

This half term, during shared reading, students will apply their phonics knowledge to further develop their reading fluency. They will also begin exploring the etymology and morphology of words, using this new understanding to help determine the meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary and deepen their comprehension of texts. Reading lessons will focus on both non-chronological and narrative texts.

Writing

What we are learning this half term...

This half term, students will begin the new school year by strengthening the fundamental skills needed for successful writing. They will focus on sentence structure and key grammar concepts, including nouns, verbs, and adjectives. As the term progresses, students will apply these skills to plan and write their own non-chronological reports, developing their understanding of the features and purpose of this text type.

Maths

What we are learning this half term...

During maths this half term, Year 2 students will focus on developing their understanding of place value. They will learn to read, write, compare, and order numbers, building on their progress from Year 1. As the term progresses, students will apply these skills to addition and subtraction, helping them develop a secure foundation in calculation before the end of the term.

Science

What we are learning this half term...

This half term in Science, our topic is Plant Growth. Students will learn about how plants grow and develop from seeds into mature plants. Through a range of practical investigations and observations, they will discover what plants need to survive and thrive, and develop their understanding of how different conditions can affect plant growth.

History

What we are learning this half term...

This half term, our History topic is Local History, where students will explore how their local area has changed over time by comparing the past with the present. As part of this topic, we will take part in a historical walk around the community, allowing students to observe how historical developments have shaped the area and influenced the way it looks today.

Geography

We will start our lessons in Autumn 2 for geography where we will be learning about locations and places on maps.

Art & Design

What we are learning this half term...

This half term in Art, students will explore digital art through the topic 'Our School'. They will investigate patterns and texture while developing their understanding of different artistic techniques. Students will also learn the skill of monoprinting, using a range of tools and materials to create unique prints inspired by their school environment.

Music

What we are learning this half term...

Our topic this half term in music is Animals: Call and Response. In this unit, students will use instruments to represent animals, copying rhythms and creating call and response rhythms. They will also develop their performance skills by playing in time within a group.

RE / Religion & Worldviews

What we are learning this half term...

This half term in RE, students will be learning about religion in our community. They will revisit and build upon key knowledge about a range of religions that was introduced in Year 1. Using this understanding, students will explore their local area to identify how different religions are represented within the community.

PE

What we are learning this half term...

This half term in PE, students will focus on Fitness and Fundamental Movement Skills. They will develop key physical skills, including throwing, catching, balancing, and coordination, through a range of engaging activities and games. These foundational skills will help to build confidence, improve fitness levels, and provide a strong basis for further learning and progression in PE throughout the year.

PSHE

What we are learning this half term...

This half term in PSHE, our topic is My Healthy Self, which focuses on how we can look after our bodies and wellbeing. Students will learn about the importance of healthy habits, including regular exercise, eating a balanced diet, getting enough sleep, and maintaining good dental hygiene. Through a range of discussions and activities, they will develop an understanding of how making healthy choices can help them stay happy, healthy, and active.

Computing / MFL:

What we are learning this half term...

This half term in computing, students will learn the fundamentals of using a computer. They will explore the key components of a computer and develop their understanding of how technology is used safely and effectively.

Our chosen language for Year 2 is French. This half term, students will begin learning basic conversational French by exploring greetings, numbers, ages, and family members. This will be achieved through a variety of speaking and listening activities.

HOW FAMILIES CAN SUPPORT AT HOME

Each Friday, homework will be set for students to complete at home. We greatly appreciate the support of families in encouraging their child to complete this work to the best of their ability.

As part of our Maths learning, children will be developing their knowledge of times tables. Regular practice at home can make a huge difference to their confidence and fluency. We encourage families to spend a few minutes each day helping their child to recall multiplication facts through games, quizzes, songs, or everyday activities.

This half term we have lots of exciting events coming up including Dolly Fest (15th October) and Pumpkin Fest (21st October). During the last week of term, we shall also be holding a Victorian day in Year 2 to help solidify our learning from our history topic – date to be confirmed.