

Year 2

Autumn Term 1



English

In English this half term, Year 2 will be exploring *A River* by Marc Martin.

Through exploration of this text, children will be writing their own circular narrative about a journey on a boat and different settings that they encounter.

For their second piece of writing, children will be producing a letter, to Tom, warning him about one of the settings from the example text.

We are reading...

A River by Marc Martin.



Each half term, Year 2 also explore five books based on different themes.

This half term, our Favourite Five are:

- The Bog Baby
- Ruby's Worry
- Pumpkin Soup
- Revolting Rhymes- Little Red Riding Hood
- Into the Forest

Maths

In Maths, we will start with exploring numbers to 100, including counting up in tens. We will then move onto addition and subtraction. Alongside this, children will also engage in daily mini-lessons to master fluency and reasoning skills and practise their arithmetic recall.

Key Dates

2nd and 3rd Sep- Staff Inset (school closed)

4th Sep- children's first day back

25th Sep- Local Walk (volunteers needed)

25th Oct- Staff Inset (school closed to children)

Science

Autumn term in Year 2 gives children the opportunity to thoroughly investigate living things and their habitat.

This involves exploring our local habitat and what living things children can find there, as well as expanding our search to various other habitats found within our world.



History

In History, Year 2 will be learning about travel and exploration. Through this, we will be learning about aspirational individuals that embarked on significant journeys. We will be developing the key historical skills of chronological understanding, interpretation of concepts and making our own judgements in relation to the significance of people or events.

RE

We will be looking at *Why do we need to give thanks?* as our inquiry question in RE. Children will use a range of sources to learn about beliefs surrounding using offerings to show gratitude. This will give them the experience of a variety of different religions and beliefs systems. We will be creating our own 'Wonder Box' to foster curiosity about the world around us.

Art/Music

In Art, Year 2 will be focusing on craft and design. They will be creating maps through various art forms, including drawing, felt making, printmaking and designing stained glass.

In Music, we will begin by exploring simple patterns in both familiar and unfamiliar pieces of music. They will then progress onto creating their own simple patterns.

PSHE

Children will be learning about *Being Me in My World* and *Celebrating Difference* through our Jigsaw PSHE scheme. They will be introduced to their new character for this year, Jigsaw Jo!

Computing

Through our Purple Mash scheme, in Year 2 we will be exploring online safety. As part of their online safety unit children will learn how to safely search and share online, as well as learning about their digital footprint. They will be able to explore the practical elements of online safety through the use of iPads.

PE

Our PE sessions this half term will be on Thursday and Friday. On a Thursday, Year 2 will have PE with Coach Craig. They will be learning about ball skills, including the ability to accurately send and receive balls. In our Friday sessions, children will be practising their yoga, with a focus on balancing and creating different shapes using various body parts.