



Year 1 and 2 Curriculum Map

Spring 2

English

In English this half term we will be focusing on instructions and poetry.

We will begin by exploring instructional language and writing instructions for improving the classroom and school environment. The children will learn about sentence types and verb tenses.

The children will then enjoy exploring the sights, sounds, smells and rhythms of the Caribbean through the wonderful poetry in A Caribbean Dozen. Children will learn about adding suffixes and writing descriptively using adjectives and adverbs. Children will be inspired to write a poem about a pet and an autobiography!

Maths

Year One

Measurement -Length and height

Children will learn compare lengths and heights. They will learn to measure length using objects and centimetres.

Measurement -Mass and volume

Children will be able to measure and compare mass, volume and capacity.

Year Two

Measurement -Length and Height

Children will learn to measure in centimetres and metres. They will compare lengths and heights, order lengths and heights and calculate lengths and heights using the four operations.

Measurement -Mass, capacity and temperature

Children will learn to compare mass, volume and capacity. They will learn to measure in grams, kilograms, millilitres and litres. They will also be calculating mass, volume and capacity using the four operations.

Science

Seasonal Changes – Spring and Summer

This 'Seasonal Changes' unit will teach the children all about spring and summer. Children will learn about the changes that can be seen between spring and summer, as well as across all four seasons. They will go on a nature walk to observe some of these changes. They will learn about what weather is and the weather that is associated with each season. They will observe and collect data about the weather. 'Working scientifically' and enquiry skills are incorporated throughout the unit, including using simple equipment, making observations and gathering data.

Topic

History

In this unit, children explore why some people are considered to be significant before going on to learn about some significant explorers. Children learn about the explorations of Ibn Battuta, an explorer who lived around 700 years ago and about Matthew Henson, a famous polar explorer who may have been the first man to step foot on the North Pole. They compare Matthew Henson's polar exploration to a much more recent exploration by Felicity Aston, the first person to walk across Antarctica alone on skis using her own power. They will also learn about Neil Armstrong, not only about his achievements, but the children will also be asked to think about and explore if it is right that Neil Armstrong should be remembered more than the others involved in the Apollo 11 mission.

Computing

Programming with ScratchJnr

This unit introduces children at Key Stage 1 to the principles of coding, using the age-appropriate ScratchJr software. The platform encourages basic understanding of algorithms and how to create precise instructions for visual working programs. It begins to develop a sense of creating, debugging and logical reasoning, which are required for further programming at KS2.



RE

Easter and Surprises

This 'Easter and Surprises' unit will teach the children about Easter and why it is such an important time for Christians. It will also explain some of the significant days of Holy Week which lead up to Easter. Children will then explore the concept of surprises and relate this to the Easter story and the resurrection of Jesus. At the end of the unit they will learn how Easter is celebrated and make Easter Riddle Cards to give to their friends or family.



PE

Our PE unit this half term is 'Dance: Seasons'. This will provide the children with varied dance experiences. During the unit, they will work individually, in pairs and in groups and will develop their understanding of dance terminology such as mirroring, improvisation, canon and unison. Throughout the unit, there will be many opportunities for children to evaluate their own work and provide feedback to others.



Design and Technology

This 'Dips and Dippers' unit will teach the class about good food hygiene rules and using kitchen equipment to prepare food safely.

Children will apply these skills when making and evaluating a healthy dip and dippers. The unit develops children's understanding of the Eatwell plate and explains the importance of eating a healthy and varied diet.



PSHE

This half term in PSHE our unit is 'Be Yourself'. This unit is inspired by the idea that having confidence to 'Be Yourself' can have a positive impact on mental health and emotional wellbeing. It aims to enable children to recognise their positive qualities and appreciate their individuality. In this unit, children are encouraged to recognise different emotions and explore strategies to help them manage any uncomfortable feelings they experience. They will learn about how big life changes impact on feelings and emotions and explore the importance of sharing their thoughts and feelings.

PE

Key Stage One PE day is Monday. Please ensure children come to school dressed in their PE kit and trainers (preferably Velcro if they cannot do their own laces).

Don't forget

Reading

Please try to read with your child every single day. Just 15 minutes a day has proven to greatly improve a child's fluency and understanding. Children need their reading book and reading record in every day. They will have a set reading day to read and change their book.

Homework

Homework will be sent home every Friday and is due in school on Wednesdays.

Spring 2 Calendar of Events 2025

Key Dates

Monday 24 th February	Return to school
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Friday 7 th March	International Women's Day
Monday 10 th March	British Science Week
Monday 17 th March	Sign Language Week
Friday 21 st March	World Poetry Day
Wednesday 2 nd April	Autism Awareness Day
Thursday 3 rd April	Talent Show 2pm
Friday 4 th April	Decorate an Egg Competition
	School Closes for Easter Break 12 Noon