

Half Term Curriculum Overview



Year 2 - Spring 1

English

In English our core text is 'Yeh-Shen, A Chinese Cinderella Story'. We will firstly write our own narratives based on this classic tale, before writing a character description of the main character and finally a letter from Yeh-Shen to her Step-mother. All of our writing will focus on using adjectives, adverbs and conjunctions.

In Reading, we will study a range of texts, practicing retrieval, inference and evaluative questions.

Mathematics

In Maths this half term, we will be exploring money. We will recap the value of different coins and notes and practise counting to find the total amount. We will also explore different ways to make £1 and we will use our place value knowledge to support us. As well as this, we will make a total and give change.

We will also be exploring multiplication and division. We will look at the divide symbol and will practise our skills by sharing and grouping amounts. We will continue to explore the multiplication symbol and count in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Science

In Science we will be learning all about everyday materials. Our lessons will include identifying and classifying materials, learning their key properties and exploring how one material can be used for different purposes and that an object can be made from different materials. During this unit, we will also practice our investigative skills by conducting investigations into how some materials can change their shape and also testing a range of materials to see which one is most waterproof.

Homework

It is essential that your child completes all homework set. This will include:

- A list of five spellings to learn for a test.
- Reading at least four times a week (please record in the school diary) or use the Fonetti app to read online.

History

Our history topic this half term is 'Nurturing Nurses'. We will be learning about hospitals in the past and comparing these to hospitals today. We will learn all about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and discuss their lives. We will also talk about the issues they faced and the impact that they both had on nursing.

Computing

In Computing we are learning about coding. Children will be using Bee Bots to make, test and debug simple programmes.

DT

In DT we will be learning all about puppets. We will identify the features of puppets and use our skills to design and make our own hand puppets for the EYFS children!

PE

We will be learning gymnastics skills this half term. Children will practice balance and body control whilst using a range of gymnastics equipment.

RE

This half term in RE, we will be learning a variety of parables from the Bible, exploring the different characters and what we can learn from these tales today.

Music

In Music, we are learning all about dynamics. We will learn about the pitch, tempo and beat of different types of music. We will also have a go at creating our own music using the skills we have learnt.

Growth Mindset

Our focus this half term is to implement our growth mindset stars in school. We will be looking for kindness, curiosity, grit and determination, optimism, teamwork and self-control.

Help needed!

If any parents/ carers would like to spare an afternoon to listen to our children read, please contact the Office or let your child's teacher know.

Thank you, Mrs Lefevre and Mrs Charlesworth.



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