

# Half Term Curriculum Overview



Year: 2

Term: 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; including 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. We also be using scientific enquiry in a range of experiments.

## 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, discussing their impact and the challenges they faced in their lives.

## Computing

In Computing we are learning about programming. Children will be using Bee Bots and a range of apps to make, test and debug simple programmes to direct the Bee Bots around a designed course.

## 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, with a range of stitches, our own hand puppets to share with the younger children in school.

## PE

We will be learning gymnastics skills this half term. Children will practice balance and body control whilst using a range of gymnastics equipment. Our PE day is Wednesday. Please make sure your child has a PE kit in school and earrings are removed.

## RE/ PSHE

This half term in PSHE, our topic is around 'beautiful people'.

This half term in RE, we will be learning a variety of parables from the Bible, exploring their messages and importance to Christians 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

This half term we are focusing on showing kindness through Kayne the Kindness Star. This links to our PSHE and to Anti-Bullying Day.

## Homework

Reading at least four times a week.

Practice weekly spellings.

TT Rockstars.

## British Values

This half term we will be electing our school council members, anti-bullying advocates and eco-team leaders – focusing on the British Value of Democracy.



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