

Year 2 Curriculum Overview for Parents Spring 2017/18



Subject	Spring 1	Spring 2
Literacy	Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' This half term we will be immersed in the work of Shakespeare and his plays. Through oracy and drama we will celebrate Storytelling Week by planning and writing our own stories for class anthologies. In extended writing sessions we will continue to develop our stamina for writing and knowledge of grammar.	Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson During our STEM topic we will learn about life on an island and in particular will be reading this famous novel. In addition to finding out about the habits of pirates, we will be lucky enough to take care of our own chicks and will be writing diary entries to document how we help them survive and grow!
Big Reading	Lost and Found and Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' Through daily shared and partner reading of these texts, we will continue to develop our skills in reading and story-telling. We will learn how to identify key events in a story or play and start to think about how characters feel and act and why. We will have lots of opportunities to speak in role as different characters.	Oliver's Vegetables This half term our BIG Reading text will link to our Science topic of growing our own plants. We will also be learning the skills of reading comprehension, such as skimming and scanning and reading between the lines, or inference. We will be reading a range of non-fiction books to enhance our understanding of plants and energy.
Maths	We are following an innovative maths programme called Math No Problem! The programme is based on how children are taught maths in Singapore. Children will use problem solving to explore different mathematical concepts. There is a focus on children working practically with objects to support their learning. This half term we will focus on: Temperature Picture Graphs Word Problems Money 2D Shapes	We are following an innovative maths programme called Math No Problem! The programme is based on how children are taught maths in Singapore. Children will use problem solving to explore different mathematical concepts. There is a focus on children working practically with objects to support their learning. This half term we will focus on: 3D Shapes Fractions Time Volume

Science	The Apprentice Gardener In Science this half term, we will learn about the factors that affect the germination of a seed. We will be growing our own plants, making weekly observations and recording results.	STEM - Habitats This half term we will be researching Habitats and food chains. We will find out about the roles of producers and consumers and how energy is affected as it passes along the food chain. We will be taking care of our own chicks and learning how to provide them with energy.
History & Geography	History - The Tudors We will be comparing the lifestyles of people in the past and present, in particular the Elizabethan and Tudor times.	History - The life of a famous Scientist We will be researching and creating a fact file about the famous Scientist and environmentalist Jane Goodall.
Art & DT	Puppet-making We will explore using a range of techniques and materials to design, make and evaluate puppets to act out Shakespearean plays.	DT - Free-standing animal enclosures We will be learning how to measure accurately in order to use cardboard straws to create enclosures to keep animals safe.
Religious Education	Easter is coming We will be researching special Easter stories and why Easter is important to Christians.	Why do some people eat special foods? We will be learning what Karah Prashad is, as well as building on our learning from last year's Gurdwara trip such as remembering the importance of the langar to Sikhs.
Music	We will learn how to create long and short sounds and sequences using instruments.	In Music this half term we will be listening to a range of and learning how to perform ostinatos.
ICT	We will continue to learn about e-safety in particular when using search engines. We will be using the internet to research the 1500s and our Science investigations.	We are Photo story Makers We will use our knowledge of food chains to explore how the use of cameras could support us in creating their own Photo Story.
P.E.	Gymnastics and GB gymnasts such as Louis Smith This half term we will learn about the link between diet and fitness and make our own food and exercise diaries. We will question how the food we eat affects our energy, strength and how we feel.	

Homework

All children have access to three exciting home learning websites.

Bug Club should be used focus on improving reading comprehension skills.

Mathletics and Abacus support your child's learning in maths.

If you are unsure of their username or password please speak to your class teacher.







Home Reading

Please read at home with your child daily. In order for your child to access all of the areas of learning, they must be a confident reader. Use the Star Primary Reading Prompts booklet to help you support your child with next steps - have fun!

Spelling

Your child will practise spellings every day at school. We will report the score to you with any incorrect words to practise.

Mental Maths Tests

Your child will take part in a weekly Mental Maths test at school. We will send the marked test home to enable you to revise any incorrect answers with your child.