



Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter - Term 1A.

Reading: We will take part in daily Phonics sessions where we will learn to recognise and read a range of sounds and words. We will also build our accuracy, fluency and storytelling voice by reading decodable books. In addition, we will have the opportunity to read and enjoy a range of texts in our reading area/classroom.

Writing: In English this term, we will be studying the text, 'A River' by Marc Martin. From this vehicle text we will be following the cycle of immerse - analyse - plan - write and edit. We will be writing a circular narrative for our fiction writing and letter for our non-fiction report.

Spelling: As part of our spelling lessons this half term, we will be working on the following:

Unit 1: the 'or' sound spelt **o** before **l** and **ll**

Unit 2: the soft 'c' sound

Mathematics:

In Maths this term we will be focussing on the following topics: number: place value.

Science:

Our Science topic this half term is Materials. As part of this topic, children will be taught to:

- Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses
- Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

Religious Education:

Our Religious Education topic this half term is The Bible: Why is the Bible such a special book. The aims of this topic are to widen the children's understanding of the Bible, its contents, presentation and importance to Christians and begin to develop children's understanding of holy books from faiths other than Christianity and their significance in the lives of believers and the Christian Values we will be exploring are faith, reverence, respect and wisdom. The key questions we will be answering through this topic are: Why is the Bible special? Why does the vicar/minister think that the Bible is special? Which Bible stories do you enjoy and why? Who uses the Bible and why? and Why and how are the two parts of the Bible different?

History:

Our History topic this half term is 'Who made the greatest contribution to nursing?' During this topic we will look at the contributions made by Edith Cavell, Kitty Wilkinson, Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale.

Physical Education:

In PE this half term we will be invasion games.

Our PE day this half term is a Monday.

Music:

In Music this half term we will be learning Hands, Feet, Heart, where we will be learning about pitch rhythm and tempo.

Design Technology

This half term we will be following the process of design, make, and evaluate to make our own Ferris wheels (wheels and axels).

Computing

Our computing topic this half term is Digital Literacy: staying safe online which complements our weekly E-Safety messages well.

PSHE - JIGSAW

Our JIGSAW topic this half term is Being Me in My World. Our six JIGSAW pieces this half term are:

Hopes and Fears for the year

Rights and Responsibilities

Rewards and Consequences 1

Rewards and Consequences 2

Our Learning Charter

Owning our Learning Charter

Dates for your diary:

This half term, we will be acknowledging the following 'theme'/national days:

1st October - 31st October: Black History Month

4th - 10th October: World Space Week

6th October: National Poetry Day

10th October: World Mental Health Day

21st October: UN Day

Church visits:

This half term, we will be