

Year 2 Curriculum Overview

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to share what your child will be learning in Year 2 this term. Our aim is to provide an engaging and ambitious curriculum while encouraging children to extend their learning beyond the classroom.

Suggested at-home activities are included for each subject. These are optional suggestions you can try together using everyday household items.

With thanks,
The Year 2 Team

English

This term in English, children will be reading the book *Ocean Meets Sky* and then writing their own story inspired by the text. They will then move on to reading the *Dragon Machine* and they will then write their own story inspired by the book. In reading, the children will be continuing to work on their reading fluency. Some books the children will read this term include *How to be Good* and *Cakes in Space*.

Suggested home activity:

Practise spelling the Year 1/2 Common Exception words. Read as much as you can, 10 minutes a day is perfect! Remember to make use of our wonderful school library as well as the library in Gainsborough – there are so many amazing books out there!

Maths

In Maths this term, children will be learning:

How find a fraction of an amount (half, quarter, third, whole)

Telling the time, beginning at half past and o'clock and working through to telling the time to 5-minute intervals.

Suggested home activity:

Practise telling the time! It's a real skill and takes lots of rehearsal. Focus mainly on analogue clocks, if your child is secure with this then you may want to show them digital times too.

History – The Great Fire of London

Children will learn about the Great Fire of London in 1666. They will explore what London was like at the time, how the fire started, how it spread, and how it was eventually stopped. They will also learn how we know about the past using different sources such as diaries and artefacts.

Suggested home activity:

Talk about how fires can start and how to stay safe. Draw a picture of what London might have looked like in 1666.

Religious Education – Islam: How do Muslims live?

Children will learn about Islam, including the Five Pillars. They will explore how Muslims show commitment to their beliefs in their daily lives.

Suggested home activity:

Talk about daily routines and commitments. What things are important in your life?

PSHE – Economic Wellbeing

Children will learn about needs and wants, how money is earned, and why people have jobs. They will begin to understand making choices about spending and saving.

Suggested home activity:

Talk about needs and wants at home. Sort items into things you need and things you would like.

Art – Sculpture and 3D

Children will learn how to shape and join clay to create sculptures. They will explore texture and detail and study the work of artist Rachel Whiteread.

Suggested home activity:

Use playdough or clay to make a simple shape. Talk about how you joined pieces together.

Computing – Robot Algorithms

Children will learn how to create and follow precise sets of instructions (algorithms). They will use commands in a sequence, make predictions about outcomes, and learn how to debug and fix mistakes in programs.

Suggested home activity:

Give step-by-step instructions to complete a simple task, such as making a snack or moving around a room. Check and fix any mistakes.