



Year 2 Curriculum Autumn Term

English We will have a weekly phonics session focusing on sounds and alternative spellings of each sound. Weekly spellings based on these sounds will be tested through dictation activities. There will be a continuous focus on grammar, punctuation, reading and an emphasis on presentation and handwriting. We will be focusing on descriptive writing, shape and simile poems and instructions.

Maths We shall be introducing multiplication and division this term as well as continuing to focus on addition, subtraction and how one is the inverse of the other. There will be continuous practice of place value, number bonds, times tables and interpreting word problems. In addition to this we will learn about measuring, time, shapes, symmetry and give an introduction to angles, fractions and Venn and Carroll diagrams.

History This term we will be learning about castles, the features of a castle and how castles have evolved over time. We will be learning about the hierarchy of roles within a castle community and how castles were used as a defence. We include in our topic, a trip to Warwick Castle, in which we experience daily life in a castle.

Geography Our topic this term focuses on islands. We will be locating a range of British Islands including the Outer Hebrides and the Scilly Isles using a map of the United Kingdom. We will focus on human and physical features of an island and what an island community needs in order to function.

Science This term we will begin our scientific studies by looking at electricity and electrical circuits. We will learn about electrical objects and how to use electricity safely and we will make our own electrical circuits. We will also be studying the realms of Space by concentrating on its vastness and trying to put the distances involved into context. We will look carefully at the planets in our solar system before finally moving onto a human's ability to access space via rockets and the use of the International Space Station.

RE This term we will be focusing on belonging and what it means to belong to something. We will look at the concept of a community and how people contribute towards a community. After half term, we will learn about celebrations in Christianity and other religions and the importance of a celebration to people of that religion.

ADT This term we will work on the theme of castles, designing and constructing knights' shields, followed by construction of working drawbridges. We shall also produce artwork inspired by winter and finally some Christmas art.

Music During the first half of term we will be learning about duration, studying the different uses of long and short notes and exploring the difference between pulse and rhythm. After half term we will start learning the basics of recorder playing and will prepare for the Christmas play.

French

Year Two begins with revisiting topics covered in Year One to consolidate knowledge. The children will learn new vocabulary for the months of the year, the seasons and the weather. They will learn to recognise and write familiar words focusing on the topic vocabulary. They will sing French songs about Christmas and learn seasonal vocabulary.

PSHE In PSHE lessons this term we will initially look at the differences between growth and fixed mindsets, then we will develop and learn ways to set goals for ourselves, both short and long term. This leads into some sessions focusing on aspirations and equality, and inspirational individuals who have helped change the world.