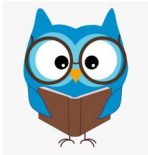
Year Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 2025

English

For English we will continue to follow the Talk for Writing scheme. The first unit will be centered around the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' which will then lead to writing a letter of complaint. We will also do some factual recount writing linked to our history lessons. In the run up to Christmas, we will be looking at the 'Elves and the Shoemaker'

Reading

This term, the children will continue to learn the final phase of phonics through daily Little Wandle lessons. Those who require any additional support will also have additional interventions. Little Wandle reading groups will run three times a week in school and then the book will be brought home to read, showing off their fluency and prosody skills. In addition to this we will be reading daily in school from our Year 2 recommended reads list and we will visit the school library every week, allowing children the opportunity to take a sharing book home.



We hope this newsletter provides you with some useful information about the areas that our year children will be covering this term.

If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Mrs N Wood

Year 2 Teacher



Homework

Every Friday children will bring home a list of spellings to practice and they will then be tested on those words the following Friday. These words will be linked to our phonics and Year 2 tricky words.

Numbots and TTR can be accessed from home and children are encouraged to do this to develop their arithmetic skills.

Maths

In maths we will be continuing to follow the White Rose scheme. We will begin with place value, moving on to addition and subtraction within 100 and then on to shape. Alongside, our daily maths lessons, we will also have 4 lessons of mastering number each week. These lessons are practical based and concentrate on building fluency of number facts, learning to spot patterns which will help with more complex problems.

The children will also be given the opportunity to access numbots to help support mental maths and improve fluency.



Religious Education

In RE this terms we will be looking at a unit of work called 'Belonging'. This focusses on different groups, communities and things that are special to us. The next topic will be 'Worship' which looks at artefacts, places of worship and holy books.

PE

In PE this term we are going to have

Tigers Trust on a Monday. Our other PE day is a Wednesday which will be outdoor PE. We will be doing a mixture of playground games and dribble races.

History

We will be learning about the lives of two significant individuals from the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. Our focus individuals are Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. The children will be finding out about how Florence Nightingale helped soldiers in the Crimean War, explore the ways in which she changed nursing conditions as a result and become the Lady of the Lamp. They will then find out about the life of Mary Seacole and how she also helped soldiers during the war. Finally the children will compare these two nurses and explore the impact both had on the nursing profession.

Science

In science this term we will be looking at 'local habitats'. We will be identifying what animals live in trees, grasslands and ponds. We will then move on to 'properties and uses of materials'. This will involve investigating different types of materials and identifying what can bend, stretch and get wet.



PSHE

For PSHE we will continue to follow the Year 2 Jigsaw scheme.

Our first topic this term will be 'being me in my world'. This focuses on the children's hopes and fear and learning about rewards and consequences.

Following on from this topic we will be looking at "celebrating differences" which explores the topic of bullying and diversity.



Music

In music the children will continue to use the Charanga scheme. The first unit is called 'hands, feet, heart'. This will teach the children a variety of songs and link it to finding the beat of the music. Following the next unit will be 'Ho,Ho,Ho!' which is all things Christmas related!

Computing

First, we will be thinking about the good uses of information technology (IT) in our everyday lives. We will be learning how to use a laptop and starting to develop keyboard skills, using a mouse and a keypad. We will then begin to explore how devices can capture, edit and improve photographs. The underling theme throughout our computing lessons will be staying safe online.

Art & DT

In art, we will be completing a drawing unit, exploring the work of artist Millot. This will include trying different sketching skills, shading and drawing 3D shapes.



Subject Specific Vocabulary

nursing	Caring for those who are sick.
lamp	A light source.
Crimea	Crimea is a peninsula in Eastern Europe, on the northern coast of the Black Sea. This is were a war took place in 19th Century.
timeline	An order of events that happened.
Florence Nightingale	A famous historical figure who changed nursing for the better.
Mary Seacole	A famous historical figure who contributed to further changes in nursing.
significant	A person/event that has made particular impact on the wider world.
hygiene	Keeping clean and healthy.





Knowledge and Facts

- Florence Nightingale was born in 1820 and died in 1910.
- Florence Nightingale was a nurse who helped soldiers in the Crimean War.
- Florence Nightingale was known as the Lady of the Lamp
- Mary Seacole was inspired my Florence Nightingale's work and wanted to help but was not allowed.
- Mary Seacole Set up a Jamaica Hotel to care for wounded soldiers.

Exciting Linked Books

Little Big People– Florence Nightingale

Usborne Famous Lives– Florence Nightingale

Who was…? Mary Seacole