

Year 2 Spring Term 1



English

In Writing, we will start by writing an information page about animals based on the books 'Dogs' and 'Matilda's Cat' by Emily Gravett. We will publish this as a class book and present the finished pages to Year 1.

We will then move onto entertain all of our peers by publishing some work we will add to the library. This will be narrative based on the ideas from the books Fox by Margaret Wild & Ron Brooks, The Tin Forest by Helen Ward & Wayne Anderson and The Whales' Song - Dyan Sheldon & Gary Blythe.

We are reading...



We will focus on comprehension and decoding in our Guided Reading sessions and explore a range of texts. This term, we will be reading a range of texts and then completing work in small groups as part of a carousel. We will read The Boy Who Grew Dragons at the end of each day.

Maths

During this half term, we will be exploring money and multiplication and division. In Year 2, we explore the 2, 5 and 10 timetable and their associated division facts.

Please help your child by looking at numbers at home – there are some helpful home workbooks and an app on the class page of our website. Or please ask if you would like a hard copy.

Science

We are excited to be exploring living things and their habitats this half term. We will start with determining if something is alive, has been alive or has never been alive and identifying the seven life processes that define a living thing. With that understanding, we will be able to understand what animals need to thrive in their habitat.

Look at our RKE sheet to see how to help learning at home.

Art

In Art this half term, we will be using clay to create 3D houses. We will spend time exploring the material and seeing what we can and can't create with it. We will experiment with different tools and techniques to see what effects we can create with it.

We will then make use of impressing and joining techniques to create walls of our house and connect these together, following a design we will have created.



Geography

In Geography, we will be doing a local area study of Chichester.

By the end of the study we will need to be able to answer the following questions:

Where is Chichester (and locate it on a map)?

What is it like (size, transport, climate...)?

Where it is?

How did it get to be like it is now?

What is the likely future of the city based on what we know now?

We will be able to use our previous learning on settlement types to help us.

PE

This half term, we will be doing yoga and developing our sending and receiving (throwing and catching) skills. Our sessions will be on a **Thursday** and **Friday**.

We will learn about mindfulness and body awareness. Then we will begin to learn poses and techniques that will help us to connect the mind and body. During our ball skills sessions, we will use equipment to send and receive a ball and develop the means to roll, kick, track and stop a ball.

Music

In Music this half term, we will be exploring using tuned percussion and letter notation to write a melody.

We will start by learning to sing the song 'Once a Man Fell in a Well' and to play it using tuned percussion and add in our own melodies.

PSHE and RE

In PSHE, we will be learning to grow as members of a community. We will be looking at body language and bullying. We will build on our autumn workshop about Anti-bullying and put more focus on to what we can do if we see or are affected by bullying.

Our RE unit will focus on Holi and the concept of remembering in Hinduism.

Computing

Our e-safety element will be focusing on safely sending and receiving information online and plagiarism.

We will then learn early programming concepts. Learners will explore using individual commands, both with other learners and as part of a computer program. They will identify what each floor robot command does and use that knowledge to start predicting the outcome of programs.

Dates

2nd Jan – INSET day

3rd Jan – First day back at school

5th Jan – Family Read

8th Jan – Starry Night Explore Dome

9th Jan – Science Explorer Workshop

5th Feb – Open Classroom event 2:30

9th Feb – Celebration Assembly

12th – 16th Feb – Half Term