



Curriculum newsletter Year 2 Term Spring 1

Subject	Theme	Content
English	Instruction text Narrative - Retelling a well known story Poetry	During this half term we will be studying the book 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes'. This book provides a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop their understanding of different themes within fairy tales. The children will learn how to write an instruction text and a well structured narrative. Following this the children will learn about poetry and will write and act out their own poems.
Maths	Money Multiplication and Division	In this half term children will be building their experience of money. Later they will look at a number of important multiplication and division methods and skills. They will gain a more solid understanding of equal groups. This unit focuses on multiplication in the context of skip counting, equal groups, times-tables, multiplication sentences and scaling problems. It is an essential basis for children understanding the times-tables and what \times means.
Science	Materials and their uses.	This unit 'Uses of everyday materials' takes children through six lessons where they learn how 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. They also learn how to find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.
History	Magnificent Monarchs	In the Magnificent Monarchs project, your child will learn about English and British monarchs from AD 871 to the present day and consider how the power of the monarchy has changed over time. They will study six significant sovereigns:



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alfred the Great • William the Conqueror • Henry VIII • Elizabeth I • Queen Victoria • The current monarch, Elizabeth II <p>Finally, they will choose which of the sovereigns that they have studied is the most significant.</p>
Geography	Street Detectives	During this unit the children will be looking at our local environment, including viewing the local park, significant buildings and local shops.
RE	Hinduism	<p>The children will be learning all about the Hindu festival of Navratri. Navratri is celebrated for nine nights and 10 days.</p> <p>Navratri is a time for new, colourful clothes, good food, dancing and families. However, it is also a time to fast, worship the goddesses quietly and take part in puja ceremonies every day. Navratri is also celebrated as a harvest festival. Many Hindus plant nine different grains at the beginning of the festival to celebrate a good harvest.</p>
PSHE	Dreams and goals	<p>In this unit children will be learning:</p> <p>To choose a realistic goal and think about how to achieve it.</p> <p>How to carry on trying (persevering) even when they are finding things difficult.</p> <p>To recognise who they work well with and who it is more difficult for them to work with.</p> <p>How to work well in a group.</p> <p>How to share their success.</p>
PEPE	Games	<p>They will further develop their understanding of the basic and fundamental principles of invasion games such as attacking, defending, scoring and teamwork. They will learn important skills needed to play invasion games.</p> <p>They will practise aiming for and protecting a</p>



		<p>target. Children will have the opportunity to take part in individual, paired and small group activities as well as to play a range of team games to enable them to practise and improve their skills. The unit also encourages them to think about the effects of exercise on their bodies and why it is important to warm up and cool down.</p>
Music	I want to play in a band.	<p>This unit builds on previous learning. All the learning is focused around one song: I Wanna Play In A Band by Joanna Mangona – a Rock song for children. I Wanna Play In A Band is a Rock song written especially for children. In this song they will learn about singing and playing together in an ensemble. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise classic Rock songs</p>
Computing	Spreadsheets	<p>To use 2Calculate image, lock, move cell, speak and count tools to make a counting machine. To learn how to copy and paste in 2Calculate. To use the totalling tools. To use a spreadsheet for money calculations. To use the 2Calculate equals tool to check calculations. To use 2Calculate to collect data and produce a graph.</p>
Art/DT	Portraits and Poses	<p>In Art, Year 2 will be learning about portraiture. They will analyse the portraits of Tudor monarchs and compare Tudor portraits and selfies today. They will gain an overview of the role of royal portraiture in history and analyse aspects of the paintings, including facial expressions, poses, clothing, objects and backgrounds. They will also use photo editing software to create royal portraits.</p> <p>Children will learn about the work of a range of artists, describing the differences and similarities</p>



between different practices and disciplines, and make links to their own work.