

Traditional Tales



English

Our key text will be the Elves and the Shoemaker. We will begin by looking at the plot structure of traditional tales with a focus on character descriptions. We will re-tell and change our class texts with children creating their own versions. We will then look at instruction writing. We will also be reading a wide selection of stories which will echo our key themes of adjectives, settings and dialogue. Our main punctuation focus will be around statements, commands, questions and exclamations and how to punctuate them correctly, proof reading their work to check for mistakes.

RE & PSHE



In RE this half term we will be learning about the religion of Islam. We will look at beliefs, celebrations and places of worship.

Our PSHE work will help the children to use restorative approaches to problems and disagreements.

Music

In Music this half term we are practising rhythms and singing songs which the children will enjoy.

History and Geography

Our key investigation for history will be “Was the fire of London Great?” allowing the children to understand the historical context of the event, complete a timeline and understand the period through the viewpoints of different eye witnesses. Geography work will look at the four countries which make up the United Kingdom, understanding key geographical features traditions and differences. We will start with London to link to two topic areas together.

Year 2

Knowledge & Understanding of the World

Science

Our focus for this half term is on plants which will run alongside our geography topic exploring some of the flowers and plants of the countries of the United Kingdom. We will be looking at the different parts of plants and trees and investigating their functions and learning about plant growth and life cycles. We will also look at plants that we can eat. We aim to use fair comparative testing and observing changes over time.

Computing



In Computing the children will develop word-processing skills, skills in combining images and text and in using digital photography to take, select and import images

This half term we will be creating and publishing a school newsletter to be distributed to children and parents.



Mathematical world

In maths we will be covering the following areas:

- **Number and Place Value:** to recognise number sequences and read and write 2 digit numbers..
- **Addition & Subtraction:** Recognise number bonds to 10 20 and 100 and use them to help them solve addition and subtraction problems
- **Measures, Capacity & Volume + Temperature:** Choose and use appropriate standard units to estimate and measure.
- **Fractions:** Know $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ of numbers and work out equivalence of fractions.
- **Geometry, Position & Direction:** Use mathematical vocabulary to describe position, direction and movement.
- **Geometry, 2D & 3D Shapes:** Compare and sort common 2D and 3D shapes and everyday objects

Physical education



Due to restrictions our PE will be outdoors only for the time being. Please provide suitable outdoor PE kit and shoes.

We will be looking at movement skills in an outdoor space. Such as controlled movements forwards and backwards, finding space and jumping.

PE KITS TO BE WORN ON FRIDAY

Art & DT

In Art this half term we will Looking at the work of the famous English artist Turner. We will look at the techniques that he used to create powerful seascapes to link art to our geography work. Our D and T will involve cooking skills to make soup using chopping skills.

Information & reminders for parents:

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year and our first half term in year 2. We have an exciting curriculum this year that will support and challenge the children as they progress through KS1 and prepare them for their SATs tests in the summer term. Our first topic encompassing history and geography is based around the Great Fire of London with a geographical focus on the UK.

This term PE will be on Fridays. Outdoor PE kit will need to be worn to school on Friday. Please ensure your child wears suitable **outdoor** PE clothing and trainers.

As the weather gets cooler please ensure your child has a waterproof coat with a hood everyday.

Homework will be on google classroom. It will be set on a Friday and your child will have one week to complete it. New homework will be stuck in books on Fridays with a message about where all the tasks are set (book or google classroom). Please do not hesitate to ask if you are unsure about homework arrangements.

Reading books are allowed to be taken from home to school. Please ensure your child brings their reading book **everyday**. The actual day that they will be changed will be on the front of the reading record. There will be an informal **spelling assessment each Monday and a times table test on Wednesday**. Your child will bring home a spelling book with their lists in.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with the year 2 team if you have any queries.

Kind regards,
Mrs Tweddle

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