



Social, Moral, Spiritual and Emotional Development

Our SMSC focus this term is 'New Beginnings'. We will be talking about what makes us special and why. We will be thinking about how to make our classroom a good place to learn. We will be continuing to learn about our feelings and how to solve problems in a positive way. We will be learning about Harvest festivals, Diwali and Hanukkah. We will continue to develop our independent learning skills across the curriculum.



Ideas For Helping Your Child At Home

- Please continue to read with your child at home regularly. Five minutes a day of sharing a book and talking about it will make a massive difference to their view of themselves as readers. Individual reading books will be changed when an adult from home has read the book with the child and written in their log book. Your child's reading target will also be stuck into the reading log so that they can practise it at home.
- Book bags are needed in school **every day**.
- Practising reading key words and spellings at home will also have a positive impact on your child's reading and writing development. Playing games, turning the words into flash cards, even saying them in the car or on the way to school will help.
- Talking to your child about their day at school is very useful and important. It helps the children remember important ideas and explaining what they have learnt, helps to embed it further in their mind.
- Children need to have their PE kit in school **every day**. We have specific PE sessions each week but kit may be used at other times.
- Maths games will be sent home on a **Friday** each week to play at home. Please return them to school on the following **Monday**.



Curriculum Letter
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Dear Parent/Carer

In order to keep you up to date about your child's learning journey, detailed within this leaflet is a brief overview of our current learning focuses in Year Two. We hope this information will help you to talk to your child about their learning experiences and reinforce this at home.

English



Our reading focus this term is on talking about our understanding of the main characters in a story. We will be learning to describe a character's personality and appearance making some reference to the text. We will also be learning to pinpoint sentences in the text that give information and details about a character.

In writing we will be developing our sentence construction, ensuring our sentences are clear and starting to use connectives to extend and develop them further. We will also be thinking of a variety of ways to start sentences to add interest to our writing.

Our narrative focus for this term will be fantasy stories. This will link with our current topic of "Heroes and Heroines" as we will be designing our own superheroes and writing stories about them.

Our non-fiction focus will be instruction writing. We will be writing instructions to explain how to complete everyday tasks and how to make a pizza. We will also be reading and writing poems about our senses and festivals.

We will continue to develop our phonic knowledge and practise using known sounds to write words independently (Fred Talk). We will be continuing to learn how to read and spell words using different spelling patterns. Correct letter formation and joined handwriting will also be practised throughout the term.



Maths

This term our main focus will be learning to read and write numbers to at least 100 in numerals and words. We will be learning to recognise the place value of two-digit numbers and using our knowledge to solve problems. We will be comparing and ordering numbers to 100 and beyond. We will be counting forward in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s. We will be continuing to develop our understanding of addition and subtraction and we will learn to show that addition can be done in any order. We will be learning addition and subtraction facts using numbers up to 20. We will also be adding larger numbers by splitting them into tens and units. We are also learning multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. We will learn to use the \times and \div sign. We will learn how to recognise, find, name and write the fraction $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$. We will be learning how to estimate, measure and compare different objects and measure them using standard units. We will be learning how to recognise coins and use them to make different amounts. We will be learning to tell and write the time including quarter to and quarter past. We will be exploring 2D and 3D shapes and describing their properties. We will learn how to use positional language. We will be learning how to show information in lists, tables and graphs and answer questions about the information.

Topic

Our topic for the first half of the Autumn Term is Heroes and Heroines. We will be exploring the meaning of the word "hero" and investigating real life heroes in our community, such as the emergency services and other people who help us. We will also be thinking about super heroes and have fun designing our own along with what super powers they would have! This will be incorporated into art and poetry as well as our writing. We will also be learning about heroes from history, including Neil Armstrong and the other astronauts of the Apollo Moon Landings. For science we will be thinking about ourselves and our bodies, identifying the functions of different parts of the body (inside and out), as well as investigating our five senses. In ICT we will be discovering different ways of using drawing programmes.