

Year 2 Autumn Term

Welcome to Year 2! We are excited to share our learning for the Autumn term. Below is an overview of the exciting things that we will be exploring together and some ways you can support your child at home.

English

- The Beasties by Jenny Nimmo
- The Great Fire of London by Emma Adams
- The Selfish Giant by Oscar Wilde
- Instruction writing linked to DT

How you can help at home:

Read together daily and discuss what has happened in the story. Talk about any new vocabulary encountered during reading.

Maths

- Place value
- Addition & subtraction
- Shape

How you can help at home:

Practise counting forwards and backwards. Use everyday opportunities to add and subtract (shopping, cooking, games etc). Encourage quick recall of number facts.

Science

- Living things and habitats
- Animals including humans

How you can help at home:

Go on a nature walk and look for different habitats. Observe plants, insects and animals in the local area and discuss what living things need to survive.

Physical Education (PE)

- Fitness
- Ball skills
- Fundamental skills
- Sending & receiving.

How you can help at home:

Practise throwing, catching and rolling a ball accurately. Encourage active play outdoors and family fitness activities if possible.

PSHE

- Relationships and bullying
- Keeping healthy – healthy eating and brushing teeth
- Living and working in our world.

How you can help at home:

Encourage conversations about friendships and respect. Support healthy eating habits and good dental hygiene. Discuss different jobs and ways people help the community.

Geography

- The United Kingdom

How you can help at home:

Explore maps together. Use Google Earth to locate your town, country and the wider UK. Discuss the four countries of the UK and their capital cities.

History

- The Great Fire of London

How you can help at home:

Listen to the BBC podcast about the Great Fire of London together. Discuss how London has changed over time. Explore books, videos or museums related to the event.

Computing

- IT around us
- Pictograms (data & information)

How you can help at home:

Discuss where technology is used in everyday life and talk about using technology safely.

Design Technology (DT)

- Mechanisms: Wheels and axles to create fire engines

How you can help at home:

Explore toys and objects that use wheels and axles and talk about how vehicles move.

Religious Education (RE)

- What did Jesus teach? Jesus as a gift from God.

How you can help at home:

Discuss kindness, forgiveness and helping others and talk about important beliefs and celebrations within your family.

Music

Charanga unit – Hands, feet and heart & other South African music.

How you can help at home:

Listen to a range of music from different cultures and countries. Clap along to the beat of songs and sing familiar songs together.

Trips & other reminders

PE days: Monday & Tuesday

School Values: Autumn 1 – Respect
Autumn 2 – Community.