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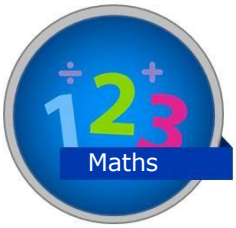
Year 2 Curriculum News

AUTUMN TERM 2025-2026



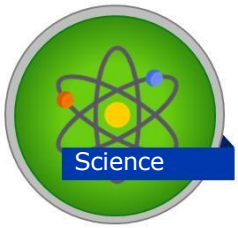
English

Our first half term will be based on the story 'The River' by Marc Martin. We will look at story structure and features of sentences. Our writing will include writing circular narrative stories where the character ends up where they began. We will also use this book to focus on letter writing. In the second half of term, we will use the book 'The Night Gardener' and focus on writing about settings and diary entries. In phonics lessons we will be following the Super Sonic Phonics Scheme. We will begin the Year by revising the Higher Level Five Choose to Use Spellings which focus on 'ay' 'ea' 'ie' 'oe' and 'ue'.



Maths

We will be reading, writing and ordering numbers to 100 and recognising the value of each digit in a 2-digit number. We will count in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s. We will focus on knowing number bonds to 20 by heart and apply these to bonds within 100. We will add and subtract using concrete resources and pictures. We will also try to apply these skills to problem solve and to reason about our thinking in maths. This will include using the inverse operation to solve problems and to find missing numbers. There will also be an introduction to multiplication. We will continue to use Power Maths.



Science

During this term we will investigate what living organisms need to stay alive and healthy. The children will identify and sort living and non-living things and discuss how some non-living things were alive once. The children will find out about what a habitat is and think about how plants and animals are suited to each habitat. The children will think about the links between different organisms within each habitat including food chains.



History

This term we will be exploring two very different events within the Stuart period; Bonfire night and the Great Fire of London. First, the children will investigate the events of the gunpowder plot which led to bonfire night being introduced into the UK calendar, with opportunities for families to recount their bonfire night experiences. Next, they will study the Great Fire of London, and decide whether or not it improved London for those living there. They will learn to interpret evidence from the time and afterwards, examining whether the sources are reliable.



Additional Information

Miss Mason will work in Year 2 on Thursdays and PE will be on Tuesday and Thursday. Please can all children come into school wearing their P.E. kit on these days. In the first half term, reading books and reading records will come home on a Friday to be returned the following Wednesday. We will visit the library every Friday. Please send in a named water bottle every day. Please send a healthy snack for morning break that is clearly named.
If you have any questions, please contact me via the school office. I look forward to getting to know your children and having a fun year!