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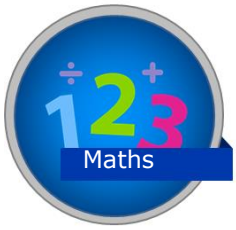
Year 2 Curriculum News

SPRING TERM 2026



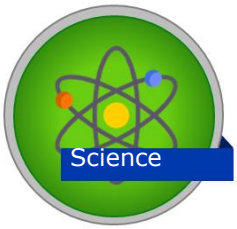
English

Our first half term will be based on the story 'The Bog Baby' by Jeanne Willis. We will look at story structure and features of sentences. Our writing will include writing 'finding narrative' stories. We will also use this book to focus on writing instructions. In the second half of the term we will use the book 'Grandad's Island' by Benji Davies and focus on writing about settings and diary entries. In phonics lessons we will look at spelling rules and patterns such as adding some suffixes or prefixes to words. We will also identify compound words.



Maths

We will begin with learning about how to count and compare different amounts of money. The children will be learning how to find change and solve Two-step problems. In Spring 2, we will be learning about multiplication and division. The children learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. This will be followed by measuring lengths, heights, mass, capacity and temperatures. The children will be encouraged to apply their skills with problem solving and reasoning activities.



Science

We will learn about uses of everyday materials and distinguish between an object and the material it is made from. We will investigate and describe how materials change when they are squashed, bent, twisted and stretched. We will compare the suitability of materials for particular uses. During experiments we will think about what is expected to happen, make and record observations and decide if a test is fair. The children will ask questions, make observations and gather and record data.



Topic

In the first half of the term we will be looking at The United Kingdom in Geography. The children will study each country of the UK in more depth, identifying capital cities and key geographical characteristics. In History, we will be learning about how holidays have changed over time. In this unit, the children will learn about holidays in the 1950s and 1960s, particularly seaside holidays. The children will be working on their understanding of chronology, looking at the similarities and differences within a period of time.



Additional Information

In Spring 1, PE will be on Tuesdays (indoor) which will be taken by P.E. coaches and Miss Rowe and Thursdays (outdoor) taken by Miss Mason. The class will be supported by Ms Thompson, Mrs Sirrell, Miss Taylor and Miss Wilson. Miss Mason will be teaching on Thursdays. Reading books and reading records to be returned to school on Wednesdays and sent home on Fridays. Library books will come home on Fridays and will need to be returned the following Friday.