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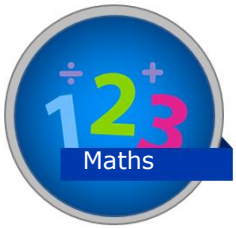
Year 2 Curriculum News

SUMMER TERM 2026



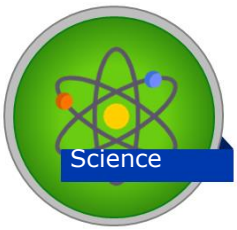
English

Our first half term will be based on the story 'The King who Banned the Dark'. We will look at story structure and features of sentences. Our writing will focus on writing to narrate and inform. We will also use this book to focus on writing letters. In the second half of the term we will use the book 'Rosie Revere' by Andrea Beaty and focus on writing invention narratives and explanations. This term, we will be starting Ready Steady Spell lessons, designed to build confident, accurate spellers. It offers full National Curriculum coverage through a cyclical model that reinforces and embeds learning over time.



Maths

We will begin Summer 1 with learning about fractions. Within this unit, children will be introduced to fraction-specific key language, such as numerator and denominator, and will be able to explain what each word means in context. We will continue the term exploring units that focus on time, problem solving and efficient methods, position and direction and statistics.



Science

This term we will be building on knowledge the children have covered during their unit on plants in year 1. Throughout this unit, the children will learn how to observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. We will also find out and describe how plants need water, light and suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy. The children will ask questions, make observations and gather and record data. In Summer 2 the children will be taught about life cycles, understanding that animals including humans have offspring which grow into adults.



Topic

This term in Geography, Year 2 will be exploring *Our Wonderful World*. Children will take a closer look at the Seven Wonders of the World, discovering what makes each one so special. Through fun activities, maps and storytelling, they'll learn about the world's most famous landmarks and the countries they're found in, building curiosity and a deeper understanding of our amazing planet. In the second half of the term we will be looking at 'Our Local Heroes' in History. The children will have the opportunity to push their research skills further, looking at influential people in the local area.



Additional Information

In Summer 1 we will be starting swimming lessons on a Thursday morning. For swimming the children need a named swimming costume, hat, goggles and towel. Please practise getting ready for swimming and getting changed after swimming too as the children do need to change independently. PE will be on Tuesdays (outdoor) taken by Miss Rowe. The children will be welcomed back by Miss Rowe, Ms Thompson, Mrs Sirrell and Miss Taylor. Mrs Tillcock will teach Year 2 on a Thursday. 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.