

English

The children will be introduced to the wordless book - Flotsam by David Weisner. They will be learning to imagine, create and question as well as innovating and adding dialogue using inverted commas. The children will then progress to writing a piece of fiction related to the theme of the book. There will be regular Reciprocal Reading sessions so that your child is heard to read regularly. The six areas of comprehension are indicated on their Reading bookmarks. The children will have a daily phonics session and their spellings will be related to sounds they have previously learned or are learning, as well as being linked to their Rising Stars SPaG Syllabus.

PE and Games

In Games the children will continue to learn invasion game skills. These will involve throwing, catching and being ready to receive. They will also have a weekly indoor yoga session where they will learn to hold a pose and flow into the next.

Music—Submarine Exploration

Pupils will be exploring underwater themes in music. We will be learning some sea songs and using sea creature rhythms to improve our sense of timing. As well as using percussion and our voices, we will continue to develop our keyboard skills, focusing on using the correct fingers to play a sea song in time with a pre-recorded backing track. In pairs we will compose our own sea composition to a clip from 'The Blue Planet'. We will also be working on our Harvest Festival and improving our whole class vocal skills. New this year is 'the track of the week', which children will appraise and vote for in their weekly music lesson.

Science

The children will be developing their knowledge and understanding of materials. They will learn how different materials have varied properties and will plan their own investigations to find out how different materials change. When planning their own investigations, the children will start to look at how to record their results accurately and draw conclusion from them. They will also do investigations linked to their topic.

Year 2 Term 1 and 2

Fantastic flight



PSHE—JIGSAW

The theme in Term 1 is 'Being Me in My World'. The children will identify their hopes and fears, understand rights and responsibilities and recognise the choices they make and their consequences. Term 2 focuses 'Celebrating Difference' and looks at stereotypes and friendships.

RE

The RE theme for Term 1 is 'What did Jesus teach 'Is it possible to be kind to everyone?' In Term 2 the theme will be based on the Christmas story 'What gift would I have given Jesus if he had been born in my town'. The Collective Worship themes are Honesty and Respect.

Topic—History

The children will be learning about significant people in history linked to flight such as The Wright Brothers, Amy Johnson and The Montgolfier Brothers. This will be taught in sequence to develop their understanding of a timeline.

Computing

The children will be learning to become 'programmers'. By the end of the term they will be able to design, write and debug programs. As always we will focus on e-safety and the importance of it.

Art/DT

In DT the children will design, create and evaluate the making of a kite using different materials. In Art the children will study Matisse and sketch objects.

Maths

This term we will begin by focusing on place value and exploring how we can represent number in different ways. Your child will be developing their counting skills including counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. They will also be comparing and ordering numbers. They will be solving more difficult addition and subtraction calculations and continue to use lots of resources to support their understanding. The children will be investigating and problem solving weekly to improve their thinking and mathematical skills. Money will also be a focus this term.

The following Year 2 members of staff would like to warmly welcome you and your child:

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Class Teacher: Mrs Swan with Ms Coles (Friday)

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Class Teacher Miss Jennings with Mrs Rose (Thursday morning)

Year 2 HLTA Miss Tina Deacon Year 2 TAs Mrs Lammond and Mrs Parveen

Staff List:

Mrs Swan will teach from Monday to Thursday with Ms Coles on a Friday.

Miss Jennings will teach from Monday to Friday with Mrs Rose on a Thursday morning. Miss Deacon is the HLTA Monday to Friday

Mrs Lammond is the TA Monday to Thursday. We also have Mrs Parveen 3 afternoons a week.

Please ensure that your child has a **named** PE kit in school **every day**, including a tracksuit and trainers for Games.

Ensure your child has a **named** water bottle in school every day. **This must contain only water.**

It is a good idea to send a snack for your child to eat at break time. However, this must only be fruit or vegetables.

Please send your children into school wearing a suitably warm coat as they will be going outside to play in most weather conditions.

Your child's learning pouch **must** come into school with them every day, containing their reading book and record and the week's spellings file.