



# Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn: Year 2

Our Christian value this term is:



## Reading

This term, the children will revisit all key reading skills including retrieval, inference, summarising and explaining the meaning of key vocabulary. will also be given time to read independently for pleasure and will complete full comprehensions.

Class text: Escape from Pompeii, Katie and the Mona Lisa, Roman Myths such as Romulus and Remus, A Walk in Paris and Flat Stanley- Framed in Paris.

## Mathematics

This term will begin with a focus on money before moving on to multiplication and division where the class will be tasked with using their knowledge of the 2-, 5- and 10-times tables to solve problems. After half term the focus will shift back to measurement with a look at length and height then mass, capacity and temperature.  
Key Vocabulary: pounds, pence, capacity, mass, kg, ml, cm, Celsius, equal groups, array, odd and even, doubling and halving.

## Computing

The main focus of our learning will be on programming and debugging a Beebot with opportunities to use mathematical terms.

Key Vocabulary Class 2 use mathematical vocabulary to describe position, direction and movement, including movement in a straight line and distinguishing between rotation as a turn and in terms of right angles for quarter and half (clockwise and anti-clockwise).

## Writing

Drawing inspiration from our European excursions the class will create non-chronological reports about the places they have discovered. They will write expressively to form diary entries based on characters they have journeyed with and will create newspaper articles to recount a significant event.

## Science

The focus for the first half term is Animals including Humans followed by plants. There will be opportunities for the children to get their hands dirty as they closely observe changes in plant life cycles.

### Key Vocabulary

offspring, adult, develop, life-cycle, nutrition, exercise and hygiene.

Religious Education "How should we care for the world and why does it matter?" Here we shall focus on rules and responsibilities using tales like the Rainbow Fish as inspiration for discussion. "Why does Easter matter?" This is a time to think about new life and fresh starts. The children will reflect on how the story changes from sadness to happiness, or from darkness to light.

Key Vocabulary: salvation, forgiveness, friendship and gospels.

This May, the children will complete tests in English and mathematics, with the results used along with the work your child has done throughout the year, to make judgements about how your child is progressing at the end of key stage 1. We will give more information throughout the year.

## Expedition: Where In the world? France and Italy/ Roman Britain

Our PE days are: Thursday  
(outdoors) and Friday (indoors)

Please look at your child's **Home Learning** book for ways to support their education—this includes our minimum expectations as well as lots of ideas for additional activities.

### History

Roman Britain AD43 - AD410. Next half term we shall focus on the Romans. Class 2 will be encouraged to ask questions to extend their understanding of this period. They will be asked to consider similarities and differences between life then compared to now e.g. clothing, food, buildings and rules. They will explore how creations, inventions and structures still shape our lives today. Key Vocabulary: artefact, differences, evidence, similarities and timeline.

### Physical Education

Team Games (ball skills)- In this unit, pupils will develop their fundamental ball skills such as throwing and catching, rolling, hitting a target, dribbling with both hands and feet and kicking a ball. Yoga- The children will learn how to control their breathing to build strength in poses taught inspired by a story such as an Arctic theme e.g. boat, seal, iceberg and moon. Key Vocabulary: direction, strength, posture and flexibility.

### Art and Design

The children will have the opportunity to recreate their own masterpiece in the style of French Painter, Claude Monet. In addition to this they will form their own collage using the work of Henry Matisse as inspiration.

### Design and Technology

Taking inspiration from artefacts left by the Romans, Class 2 will be challenged to design and create a mosaic.

### Geography

The first stop on our trip across the channel takes us to France. Class 2 will be challenged to make comparisons to the UK when looking closely at natural features such as The Alps and man-made marvels like the Eiffel Tower. There will then be a chance to try some French cuisine.

Next half term they will explore the vast peninsula of Italy. Key Vocabulary: capital city, equator, hemisphere, human features, landscape, physical features and tourism.

### Music

I Wanna Play in A Band is a Rock song written especially for children. In this song the children learn about singing and playing in an ensemble. Zoo Time- A fun introduction to Reggae music; these sessions focus on pulse and rhythm.

French As they journey through France the children will be encouraged to use everyday words and phrases that would be exchanged in a market setting e.g. fruit and vegetables names.

### Additional information