



Year 2

Curriculum Map Autumn Term

2026

Getting
better
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stops

English

Writing: Children will have varied writing opportunities by using high quality texts as stimuli. We will begin by studying the book *Meesha Makes Friends*, which will enable children to build confidence in writing their own sentences, sequence events, use descriptive language and write a character description and their own narrative.

Reading: In daily phonics lessons children will be learning alternative graphemes for the sounds /ai/, /n/, /m/, /ear/, /zh/, /j/, /i/, /sh/ and /or/. They will also be reading one book per week over 2 guided reading sessions with a focus on decoding, prosody and comprehension.

Grammar: Children will be learning about how to consistently use capital letters and full stops whilst also developing their understanding of nouns, verbs, conjunctions and adjectives.

Handwriting: In Autumn 1 will be recapping how to correctly form letters from the ladder family including l, i, u, t, y, j, and the robot family including n, m, h, k, b, p and r.

Spellings: We will be covering the following letter patterns: Words where 'dge', 'ge' and 'g' make a /j/ sound, Words where 'c' makes a /s/ sound before 'e', 'i' and 'y', Words where 'kn' and 'gn' make a /n/ sound at the beginning of words and challenge words.

Maths

Unit 1: Place Value

Children will learn to recognise tens and ones, partition numbers to 100 into tens and ones using a place value chart, identify numbers on a number line and compare and order numbers.

Unit 2: Addition and Subtraction

Children will learn number bonds to 10 and use this to know number bonds to 100. They will also learn to add and subtract 1's, 10's and then add and subtract two 2-digit numbers.

Unit 3: Shape

Children will learn to recognise, identify properties of and sort 2D and 3D shapes and find lines of symmetry in shapes.

Art & Design Design Technology

Art - Exploring how artists use tone and texture, and applying these skills to observational drawings.

DT - Structures: Children will explore stability and methods to strengthen structures.

Science

Uses of everyday materials

Children will learn how to identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials for particular uses.

Living things and their Habitats Children will explore the plants and animals within a habitat and create food chains.

Music

Call and Response Children will use instruments to represent animals, copy rhythms and create call and response rhythms.

Nativity performance

Children will learn and perform songs as a class, contributing musically to a final performance.

History

How was school different in the past?

Children will find out that schools have been in the locality for a long time but they have not always been the same. They will look at similarities and differences using a range of sources.

Religious Education

Why Do We Need To Give

Thanks? Children will learn what big questions are how to respectfully discuss big questions. They will also learn about a range of different beliefs and the practice of using offerings to show gratitude.

Learning for Life

Family and Relationships

Children will learn that families are composed of different people.

Health and Wellbeing

Children will learn about the benefits of exercise and relaxation on physical health and wellbeing.

Geography

Would you rather live in a hot or cold place?

Children will be introduced to the basic concept of climate zones and mapping out hot and cold places globally. They will compare features in the North and South Poles and Kenya as well as in the local area.

PE

Fundamentals - Learning how to balance, run, change direction, jump, hop and skip.

Team Building - problem solving and communication.

Gymnastics - Children will develop balance, agility and coordination.

Ball Skills - Throwing, catching, rolling, hitting a target and dribbling.

Computing

Online Safety Health and wellbeing and copyright.

Information technology

around us Children explore how information technology is used for good in our lives.

Robot Algorithms Children will learn what algorithms are and design, test and debug algorithms.