



Our Year 2 Curriculum - Summer 1

Lens and Big Question



Rights and Democracy Should everyone have the same rights?

Maths



In Maths, we will be looking at measuring length and height. For these units, we will be learning to choose and use appropriate standard units to estimate and measure length/height in any direction (m/cm) to the nearest appropriate unit, using rulers. We will learn to compare and order lengths and record the results using >, < and =.

We will revisit addition and subtraction and multiplication and division. We will focus on applying the different strategies taught to answer reasoning and problem-solving questions

We will explore measuring time, capacity, mass and temperature. For this, we will choose and use appropriate standard units to estimate and measure mass (kg/g); temperature (°C); capacity (litres/ml) to the nearest appropriate unit, scales, thermometers and measuring vessels. compare and order mass, volume/capacity and record the results using >, < and =.

We will compare and sequence intervals of time. We will tell and write the time to five minutes, including quarter past/to the hour and draw the hands on a clock face to show these times. All children will know the number of minutes in an hour and the number of hours in a day.

English



After our Golders Hill trip, the children will write a chronological real-life recount of their experience.

Children will spend a week immersing themselves into the book 'The Bear and the Piano' by David Litchfield, to internalise the language patterns and story structure. They will spend the second week looking closely at the vocabulary and grammar features of the text before moving on to innovating aspects of the narrative to create their own story.



The children will then read 'Pip & Egg' by Alex Latimer and David Litchfield. The children should be able to form connections between these two books. They will flashback to their learning about life cycles and build on their knowledge of plants while reading this book. They will then write a retell of the story. The children will be expected to accurately apply their phonics and correctly apply the spelling rules that we have learnt so far this year. They will also need to spell the Y1 and Y2 common exception words.

Grammar: possessive apostrophes, apostrophes in contractions, sequencing words, commas in a list, past tense, coordinating conjunctions, subordinating conjunctions and expanded noun phrases.

History



Concept: Significant historical events, people and places in their own locality. Children will place famous women in history on a timeline and world map. They will explain the changes that Mary Seacole made to nursing and the difficulties she experienced in her life. They will also understand the impact that Elizabeth Garrett Anderson made in the medical field and the difficulties she experienced in her life. Children will also understand the impact that Emmaline Pankhurst had on the UK and voting. They will compare the similarities and differences between two famous women in their experiences and their impact.

Science



This half term, we will be planting our own beans. Children will learn that plants are living things that grow and that they also help humans and animals live by providing food to eat and oxygen to breathe. They will understand that most plants grow from a seed or a bulb and learn what they need to grow. They will know that seeds and bulbs have a store of food inside them and know that seeds don't need light to grow but a green shoot and leaves will need sunlight for healthy growth. They will learn that plants can grow in soil or water and understand what a plant needs to grow and compare the needs of seeds and bulbs. Children will know that seeds and bulbs grow roots and shoots and roots and shoots grow leaves about ground and plants make flowers and flowers turn into fruits and flowers and fruits make their own seeds.

Religious Education



In RE we are learning about Islam. Our theme is 'Community and Belonging' and we will be answering the question 'Does going to a mosque give Muslims a sense of belonging?'. We will learn to understand why Muslims visit the mosque and explore whether this gives them a sense of belonging.

PSHE



Our concept is: What can help us grow and stay healthy? Children will learn about the different things that help our bodies to be healthy and understand that eating and drinking too much sugar can affect health. They will learn how to be physically active and how much rest and sleep they should have every day. They will understand that there are different ways to learn and play and to know how to know when to take a break from screen time. They will understand how sunshine helps bodies to grow and how to keep safe and well in the sun.

This half term's British Value is The Rule of Law.

Music



In Music, we will learn how to recognise by sound and by sight, some of the instruments from each of the Orchestral families: Woodwind, Brass, Strings and Percussion. We will continue to learn to use musical vocabulary such as pulse, rhythm, dynamics, tempo and pitch. We will be learning to read, write, create and play our own simple crochet (fly) and quaver (spider) rhythm patterns and how to read notes F, A, C, E on the stave. New vocabulary will include words such as stave, treble clef, double bar line and repeat. We will also be watching the Junior children perform live on their musical instruments.

Art



In Art our concept is Sculpture. We will be using simple shapes to create clay tiles inspired by Frida Kahlo. We will explore new skills and then combine these to make a final sculpture around the theme of nature. Throughout our topic, we will be evaluating what we have done and how we can use these skills again or in a different way. Key artists: Frida Kahlo

Computing



We will be exploring programming using the free online app 'Scratch Junior'. We will be carrying out an informative cycle of predict, test and review whilst creating simple animations of a familiar story and an animal. We will also create an animation of a chosen musical instrument by making buttons, recording sounds and later, following an algorithm to record a joke.

In addition, we will also complete an online safety lesson.

Outdoor PE



In PE, the children will be taking part in invasion games. In these lessons, they will be learning:

- To understand what being in possession means and support a teammate to do this
- To use a variety of skills to score goals.
- To develop stopping goals.
- To learn how to gain possession of the ball.
- To develop an understanding of marking an opponent.
- To learn to apply simple tactics for attacking and defending.

Indoor PE



In PE, the children will be developing their striking and fielding skills. In these lessons the children will learn:

- To track a rolling ball and collect it.
- To develop underarm throwing and catching to field a ball.
- To develop overarm throwing to limit a batter's score.
- To develop hitting for distance to score more points.
- To be able to get a batter out.
- To understand the rules of the game and use these to play fairly.

Outdoor PE



In PE, the children will be developing their athletics skills. In these lessons the children will learn:

- To develop the sprinting action.
- To develop jumping for distance.
- To develop their technique when jumping for height.
- To develop throwing for distance.
- To develop throwing for accuracy.

This will culminate in children being able to select and apply knowledge and techniques in an athletics carousel.