

LITERACY

During phonics sessions the children will continue to progress at their own phase level as a whole school. If ready, we will start to introduce more complex spelling rules in order to encourage the children to spell more accurately rather than phonetically.

In English lessons, the children will be looking at stories with fantasy settings and traditional tales from around the world. There will be a continued focus letter formation, whilst starting to introduce cursive writing. The children will be encouraged to write at greater length using more ambitious language, grammar and sentence structure.

HISTORY

In the first half of the Autumn Term our history topic will be Travel and Transport through the ages. We will be looking at how transport has evolved over time, from the Viking long boat to present day travel. This will be supported by our trip to the Milestones Museum this term. Year 2 will also learn about significant individuals who shaped the way we travel today through their vision and initiative. They will be comparing modes of transport and trying to decide which mode of transport has impacted the most upon our world today.

PE

During our PE sessions in the first half of the term, Pre-Prep will be learning about throwing and catching as well as practicing these new skills whilst moving and tracking the balls. After half term we will be learning about dance and movement based on some of our favourite toys. We will also be swimming every Monday at Durrington Swimming Pool.

MATHS

Maths lessons this term will be consolidating and extending the children's prior learning. Lessons will be based around place value, the number system, adding and subtracting to 100 - including counting in 3s and adding 2 two-digit numbers. The children will continue to self-assess and progress at their own pace, whilst being encouraged to solve deeper thinking and problem-solving questions.

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PSHCE

Along with celebrated national events including Harvest Festival, during PSHCE Year 2 will be learning about keeping safe and looking for potential hazards in day-to-day life. After half term PSHCE will be all about healthy bodies and what constitutes a healthy lifestyle. Where they will be able to build upon their science learning from this term.

GEOGRAPHY

After half term Year 2 will be learning about the local area surrounding our school, building upon last year's learning. The children will explore their local area using first hand observation skills to enhance their locational awareness, along with developing their mapping and fieldwork skills.

We will also spend time considering what changes they could make to their local area, in order to benefit the community.

SCIENCE

Year 2 will be studying Biology; Animals' Needs for Survival Including Humans. We will begin by looking the three basic needs of animals for survival (water, food and air). We will apply this knowledge, to suggest ways to look after pets. We will investigate different types of animals, including Birds, Fish, Amphibians, Reptiles and finally humans and work scientifically by asking questions and by recording our observations. In the second half of term, we will be studying Chemistry and investigating different types of materials and their properties.

ART

Mrs Henley will be leading Pre-Prep's art lessons and this term in Art, we will be learning about the Impressionist Artist Kandinsky, while using chalks and collage to create pictures in his style. We will consolidate our knowledge of primary and secondary colours while also learning about contrasting/complimentary colours.

COMPUTING

In computing this term, the children will be introduced to the idea of coding and how to move a character around a screen using a series of codes. They will also be able to solve problems when they get stuck, by reading through their code again and then "debugging" it with support from their peers!

RE

In RE lessons the children will learn about kindness and the importance of caring for others, by exploring the values of different religions. This includes reading stories from different faiths and learning about religious festivals and practices. The children will also learn to explore a story from different perspectives.