

Autumn 1 2014 Topic Map Year 2

English

Read stories with familiar settings based on the Katie Morag series. Explore characterisation and settings. Use drama and discussion to explore new ideas for a story. Children plan and write their own stories. Revise phase 5 and begin phase 6 of letters and sounds, grammar and sentence work with a focus on punctuation and use of simple connectives to join sentences.

Mathematics

Data handling- What are Year 2's favourite foods?
Develop addition and subtraction calculations using practical and informal written methods and number lines. Derive and re-call number facts to 10 and 20. Explore and continue number patterns in sequences. Order numbers and use greater than(>) and less than (<).

Science- Health and growth.

Describe for humans the of exercise, eating the right amount of different types of food and hygiene.

Topic Title

How will 5 a day help me to be healthy?

PCHSE

Keeping our bodies healthy (linked to Science).

Geography

Children will carry out research to find out which fruits grow where and set these out on a map. Identify Great Britain in an Atlas and name the continents.

PE

Children show their sporting prowess in dance.

Children will develop their ball skills in Rugby. We welcome the Warrington Wolves back to Key stage 1 this term.

Art and Design

Look at the work of William Morris and create our own unique prints using fruits and vegetables.

Computing

'We are astronauts'-use 'Scratch' software to understand what algorithms are and to create and de-bug simple programs.

Music

Sing simple songs from memory, with some expression and melody. **Exploring sounds;** The children will be keeping a steady pulse and performing simple rhythmic patterns.

KS1 Half Termly Curriculum Overview

Year 2 - Autumn 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the summer break to another school year. The children have made an excellent start in Year 2 and have made a very smooth transition from Year 1 to Year 2. I am pleased to provide you with information about what the children will be covering in the different subjects during the first half of the Autumn term. We have a new curriculum beginning this academic year. If you wish to know more about it, visit the DfE website for more information. See overleaf for the topic map for this half term. Mrs Roberts will continue to cover PPA time in class, working on Spanish, grammar and punctuation and mental maths.

RE Topics for the Autumn Term

Beginnings-

To explore new beginnings, to learn about the story of creation and the Psalms linked to this theme.

Signs and symbols-

To find out about the importance of signs and symbols in everyday life.
To learn about the symbols of Baptism and their meaning.

Preparing-

To learn how we prepare for the celebration of Jesus at Christmas.

Concerns and messages

If you have any concerns or problems, please do not hesitate to come in and see me at the end of the school day.

Reading

In line with our school policy the children will develop their reading in class throughout the week through shared reading and guided reading sessions and I shall be monitoring their reading progress carefully each week with my own records.

The reading records are for parents to record your child's reading at home. We ask all our infant children to read for 15 minutes each night. Although I will be keeping my own record of your child's reading progress it would be really helpful if you could make comments in your child's reading record book each time they read, to let me know how they have coped with a book at home. Home reading records are checked and once a week their home reading is acknowledged and a target will be highlighted in the book.

If your child reads any other reading material as well as their reading book from school please also make a note of it in their reading record. The home reading record is also a good way to make contact with me if you wish to send me a message and cannot get into school.

Healthy School Initiative

As part of the healthy school initiative, we will continue to encourage the children to be active at playtimes. Children will be encouraged to drink water throughout the day, therefore it is important that the children have their bottles in everyday! It makes it easier for the children if the bottles have a sports top, as it would prevent any unnecessary spillage. Healthy snack days will continue to be Monday to Thursday and the children will be given the opportunity to eat their snacks during morning playtimes.

Homework

- Literacy homework will be given out on a Friday and is to be handed in the following Tuesday.
- Spellings will be given out on a Tuesday and tested the following Tuesday.
- Maths homework will be given out on a Tuesday and is to be handed in on Friday of the same week.
- Reading - Each child should read for a minimum of 15 minutes per night and complete their reading records.