

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 2 Autumn 1 2024

We are pleased to be able to share with you the curriculum content which your child will cover this term.

Please get in touch if you have any questions!

English -Shared Reading

This term, we are reading Asha in the Attic, The Wolf's Story, The enormous watermelon, The cat and the Monkey's Tail, Musical Instruments.

In reading lessons, children will continue to develop their skills with retrieval and inference. They will read a variety of fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts.

Parents can help at home by reading with their child and signing their reading record every day.



English - Writing

Writing to entertain – we will create our own version of the ending of Jack and the Beanstalk. We are focusing on punctuation skills and using a range of adjectives and conjunctions.

Writing to inform – We will be writing and following instructions to make a Greek Salad.

Grammar

We will continue to build on and expand upon the children's knowledge of grammar, looking especially this term at:

- Adjectives
- Conjunctions

Spellings:

Children will be given 10 spellings words to learn each week and they will be tested on them every Friday.

Punjabi – Pupils will have a Punjabi lesson every week which is taught by a specialist teacher. Please help them to learn more by speaking, reading and Punjabi at home if possible.

Mathematics

This half term we will cover the following topics:

Place Value and Addition and Subtraction.

Please support your child by completing set homework by logging into Mathletics each week.

Our calculation policies can help you to understand the methods your child has been taught. You can find these in the Mathematics section of our school website.

Art - How do pointillist artists use colour?

Children will learn about a technique called pointillism and use colour and tone to create works in their style. They will learn about artists Georges Seurat and Paul Signac.



Sikh Studies - What is Guru Nanak Dev Ji's message? What is Guru Angad Dev Ji's message?

By the end of this term, children will learn key information and stories about Guru Nanak Dev Ji and Guru Angad Dev Ji.





Geography – How can we use a compass to describe our local area?

We will be learning about our local area. Children will familiarise with signs and symbols on a map. We will also be using a compass to find the four directions.

Parents can help by taking their child on a local walk and looking at and discussing where places are in relation to one another such as North, East, West and South.



Computing - Digital Literacy – *How can we stay safe online?*

Children will Create and share some information online, understand the need to be respectful and safe.

Religious Education: Who is Jewish and what do they believe?

We are continuing to learn more about Judaism. We will be learning to understand who Jewish people are and their beliefs are.







Physical Education - Wednesday/ Thursday

This term, pupils will focus on gymnastics. Please ensure that children have the correct kit with them every week.

Science - What do plants need to grow?

We will be learning parts of a Plants and its lifecycle. We will also be investigating to observe and compare the growth of two plants.



Ideas for parents to support learning in school

- Taking your child for a local area walk
- Looking at a range of plants indoors and outdoors.
- Discuss stories about the Gurus.
- Support and encourage counting numbers and practicing addition and subtraction.
- Reading books at home and discussing what they have read.