

# Half Term Curriculum Overview

Year 2 Autumn Term 1 2023

# **English**

This half term, we will focus primarily on reading. The children will revise the phonics they have learnt, up to and including phase 5. They will continue to read every day in class and bring a book home to read which they have practised. It is essential that reading books are brought back to school EVERY DAY. Our writing activities will be based around The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson, using description with expanded noun phrases and retelling the Great Fire of London through diary entries. In grammar, we will focus initially on the correct use of capital letters and full stops and revise Year 1 grammar.

#### **Physical Education**

**PE will be on Wednesday and Friday afternoons.** Please make sure your child comes to school in their PE kit (Black shorts/Joggers with a white T-shirt and a blue jumper and trainers) Our focus this half term will be fundamental PE skills and yoga.

# Science, History, Geography, Art, D&T and Computing

**History** - Children will be learning about the Great Fire of London. They will be examining photographs, artefacts and media resources to generate interest and enquiry into the events of 1666. We will be looking at time lines and discussing why the fire spread so quickly. We will also be comparing it to the Great Fire of Netherton (Hinchcliffe's 2012) and how we are able to deal with fires now compared to 350 years ago.

**Science –** In science, we will be looking at animal habitats

Computing - We will be continuing to use Purple Mash. We will be looking at creating pictures. We will look at a variety of artists and their styles and then recreate them using 2paint. We will also look at different music styles and use Purple Mash to compose different pieces.

**Art** – We will be exploring the work of artist Matisse. We will look at complementary colours and develop our collage skills.

# **Mathematics**

This half term, the children will be looking at number and place value. We will be recapping number bonds to 10 and 20, number facts to 100 building on the children's knowledge from their learning in Year 1. The children count objects to 100 use number lines and compare objects and number. They will partition 2-digit numbers into tens and ones e.g. know that 24 has 2 tens and 4 ones. They will respond to questions such as; "I have 4 tens and 6 ones, what number do I have?" and "Can you make 2 different 2 digit numbers using 3 and 5?"

#### **PSHE** and RE

In PSHE, the children will be learning about Self-confidence. We will look at what it means to be independent and how we can have a 'can do' attitude.

Re- we will be learning how and why people of faith pray.

## Homework

Homework will be sent home on a Friday and if possible should be returned no later than the following Wednesday.

#### Music

This term, we are extremely lucky to be taking part in Pbuzz lessons. Pbuzz is a simplified version of a trombone, designed especially for younger children to teach them the basics in a fun and exciting way.

### **Key Vocabulary**

Math – Tens, ones, partition, place value, addition, subtraction, combine, total, less, more.

History – Chronological order, investigate, enquire, evidence, artefact, era, significant.

RE – Prayer Wudu Reflection Collective Individual Faith