

Year 2 Summer Term Overview

Writing

In Summer 1, the children will be looking at the story, 'The Friendship Bench' by Wendy Medour. Our writers will be creating a narrative based on the text. We will also be writing our own non-fiction texts linking to our science topic on Plants.

In Summer 2, we will be learning about the life of Grace Darling. The children will be writing their own biographies based on what they learn about the 'Heroine of the Sea.'



Maths

- Fractions
- Time
- Statistics
- Position and direction

The lessons are broken into smaller steps. The steps can be found here:

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/resources?year=year-2-new&subject=maths>

Reasoning and Problem Solving will run throughout each unit.

History

What is a monarch?

In History lessons, children will learn about the role of a monarch, children will compare the monarchy today with the monarchy in the past. Pupils will investigate how William the Conqueror became King and learn how he used castles to rule. They study different types of castles and consider how these evolved over time.

Religious Education

How do the five pillars of Islam help a Muslim to show commitment to God (Allah)?

In this unit, children will learn about the five pillars of Islam. They will learn how a Muslim might show their commitment to their faith. Pupils will learn about each of the individual pillars and how the five pillars of Islam collectively help a Muslim to show commitment to God (Allah).

Why do Christians make and keep promises before God?

Pupils will think about why people belong to a Christian community. They will learn about what Baptism is and what it means. Children will learn about what promises are made by parents and Godparents at an Infant Baptism and why this is important. They will learn about what happened when Jesus was baptised and what baptism mean to Christians. Children will learn about what marriage in church mean to Christians and why Christians make and keep promises before God?

Science

Plants: Plant growth

As Scientists, pupils will continue to consolidate their knowledge of Plants. Within this unit children will be carrying out comparative tests, where will pupils discover the conditions required for seed germination. They will use rulers to measure stem height and record data in a results table. Through practical investigation, pupils will learn that plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.

Making connections: Plant-based materials

This unit brings together pupils' learning from multiple Science units, helping them to make connections between the key concepts and skills.

Geography

What is it like to live by the coast?

Within this unit, children learn about the physical features of the Jurassic Coast and how humans have interacted with this, including land use and tourism. They will name and locate continents and oceans of the world while revisiting countries and cities of the UK and surrounding seas.

Art and Design

Drawing: Tell a story

This unit focuses on helping pupils develop their ability to tell a story through drawing. It develops skills on creating textures, observational drawing, character expression, and storytelling through illustrations, enhancing pupils' mark-making techniques, observational skills, and imagination in art.

Design Technology

Cooking and Nutrition

Children will learn about the food groups (carbohydrates, proteins, fruits and vegetables, dairy, oils and spreads) to understand a balanced diet.

Pupils will learn about the importance of a balanced diet and use that knowledge to create a tasty wrap.

Music

Myths and Legends

Children will develop understanding of musical language and how timbre, dynamics and tempo affect the mood of a song.

On this island: British songs and sounds

Children will create sounds to represent three contrasting landscapes: seaside, countryside and city.

PSHE

Economic Wellbeing

Children will be learning about financial literacy including how adults get money, wants and needs, using skills and talents and inclusive environments.

Transition

In Summer 2, we will be reflecting on learning from across the academic year, with a focus on the children's achievements and strengths. We will also be discussing transition into Year 3.

Computing

Data Handling

Pupils will gather data on how astronauts survive on the ISS, including identifying necessary items, designing sensor displays, and exploring habitable planets. Children gain an understanding of living in space and how space exploration can benefit life on Earth.

Online safety

Pupils will learn about online safety, including: what happens to information posted online; how to keep things private online; who we should ask before sharing online; describing different ways to ask for, give, or deny permission online.