



Autumn Term 2 in Year 2



School Uniform

All children should wear the correct school uniform and school shoes. If they are not, the class teacher will mention to parents at the end of the day. No jewellery is permitted other than stud earrings on non-PE days. Watches are permitted in Key Stage 2, but we ask that they be analogue. Shoulder-length hair – or longer – needs to be tied back with a hairband.

PE Kit

Your child's PE lessons will be on Friday. Please make sure they come to school PE ready, wearing the correct kit. Details about the school's PE kit can be found on our website.

Homework

Spellings will be set on a Monday and tested the following Monday.

In addition, children should read at least 20 minutes at home every day. Please make a note what your child reads in their Reading Record.

Please make sure that your child has their reading book in school every day, even if they haven't read, as we will often try to listen to the children in school.

How to help your child at home

Some ideas for our Street Detectives topic could be -

- Look in detail at the outside of your own house and make a careful observational drawing.
- Draw a plan or map of your ideal neighbourhood. Who would you like to have living on your street? You might choose fairytale characters, sports champions or pop stars. What type of house would your ideal neighbours have? Create a key to show features on your map.
- Watch a clip of a film made to show what family life was like in the 1900s. Talk to your grown-ups about how life was different for children in the past.
- Interview someone who has lived in your community for a long time, perhaps an elderly relative or neighbour you know well. What changes have they seen?

English

In English we will begin the term by reading *The Hodgeheg* by Dick King Smith. This is a class book that we all read together. We will look at the text and discuss words that we like and discuss the meanings of words. We will write about the characters using adjectives and conjunctions.

Later in the term we will look at poetry by Pie Corbett and write our own poems about our journey to school. We will also look at some persuasive writing techniques to write adverts for our own homes. Whilst we learn about homes from the past, we will write in character imagining that we lived a long time ago!

Maths

We start the term with our measure unit. We will look at non-standard units (blocks, paper clips, pencils, etc.) and then compare them to standard units (m, cm). We will begin measuring using a metre stick and then measure in cm using a ruler. We will use our measure knowledge to solve problems.

We will then progress to multiplication and division. The main aims this unit are:

- Calculate the times tables of 2, 5, and 10 by skip counting
- Relate the 2 times table to doubling
- Explore representations of multiplication and division
- Understand commutativity.

Topic



Our topic this term is Street Detectives. We will learn about our local community, looking at houses old and new and finding out how our streets have changed since our mums and dads were young. We will look at household objects from the past and try to decide what is the same and what is different. Do we still use them?

We will look at and make maps and plans of the streets around us, planning our routes. We will look on Google Maps and see what we can see. What can we find? Whereabouts do we live? Do you know your address? At the end of term we will think about what can we do to improve our local area.

Music

We will continue working through the Jolly Music scheme and be learning songs for our nativity play.

PE

This term we will be continuing to work on our fundamental ball skills.

RE

This term our topic is Incarnation. Our key question is why Christmas matters to Christians.

In class we will be thinking as well as talking and asking questions about the Christmas story and the lessons we can learn from it: for example, about being kind and generous.

Drama

This term in dance and drama we will be working towards our Christmas performance. We will be learning songs, actions and lines, as well as learning how to put on a performance for an audience.

RHE

This term we are asking *What is a bully?* We will think about what 'bullying' means. We will discuss why some people are bullies and what we can do to help if you think you are being bullied and how to be kind and caring.

Did you know ...

That the main types of houses in the UK are detached, semi-detached, terraced and bungalows. Semi-detached houses are the most popular.