



Curriculum Information for Parents

KS1 (Class 2) First half of Autumn Term 2026

Literacy - The Non-negotiables will be taught for Years 1 and 2 throughout Topic Time. Writing opportunities will be linked to the topics and the children will produce a variety of different outcomes such as lists, letters, poems and stories. The children will also take part in daily phonics lessons and weekly reading sessions.

Numeracy - Place value, addition and subtraction

Please ensure you practice your children's reading book with them at least twice per week, read and spell the common exception words for their year group found in the red planner.

Weekly RE - Who is Muslim and how do they live?

This systematic study of Islam sets the foundations for pupils' learning about Muslims and the religion of Islam. They will learn about the Prophet Muhammad and why he is important for Muslims. They will explore what can be learnt from Muslim Holy words and explore what Muslims believe about God. A visit to a local mosque is planned to take place within the half term.

Week 1 and 2- Carnival of Colour

Although this first week will focus mainly on settling the children into the class routines, setting expectations for behaviour and getting to know all the children, we will look at colour and how artists use colour. Learning the primary colours and the difference between warm and cold colours. We will also look at secondary colours through colour mixing. The children will study madhubani art - painting from India that uses colour and shape in images of nature.

Week 3 and 4 - Science - Penguins, pelicans and polar bears.

This Science topic will look at animal habitats. We will identify, classify and name different plants and animals in their habitats. The children will learn to tell the difference between things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive, and apply this in a range of contexts.

Week 5 and 6 Geography - Inside the Freezer

Following on from our previous topic about habitats, the children will study the geography of the South and North Poles. They will locate them on a world map and globe. They will compare and describe the human and physical features of the poles and look at weather patterns.

Week 5 and 6 - History - Scott of the Antarctic

This week we will learn the story of the race to the South Pole in which Captain Scott led a team across Antarctica. We will understand what an explorer is and why Captain Scott is a significant individual in History. The Year 2 children will make links to explorers they already learnt about in Year 1.

Outdoor Education and weekly PE.

The children will have lessons in the outdoor environment with a focus on each area of the curriculum. This half term in PE they will learn ball skills and team games. The children will participate in team games, developing simple tactics for attacking and defending. They will master basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching, as well as developing balance, agility and co-ordination. They will also study gymnastics developing ways to move, balance and roll.

Weekly Computing - Computing systems and networks

This topic expands children's understanding of technology and their interaction with it. They will become familiar with the term 'information technology' and be able to identify its common features. Moreover, this topic will also strengthen their understanding of using technology safely and responsibly.