

Year 2

My School and Community



English

Our core text this half term is 'Small Mouse Big City' By Simon Prescott. Pupils will build up the skills to write narratives, diary entries and letters.

Skills to be covered:

Writing:

- To develop an understanding of tense and begin to write in the past tense.
- To apply the features of different genres of writing
- To develop an understanding of different perspectives, writing effectively in the first person.
- To create complex sentences using a variety of conjunctions.
- To use a wide range of adjectives to add detail to their sentences.

Reading:

- To retrieve information from a text
- To infer characters' thoughts and feelings
- Make predictions about what they think is going to happen.
- To sequence a story in chronological order

Maths

Skills to be covered:

Number and Place Value:

- To read and write numbers to at least 100 in numerals and in words.
- To recognise the place value of each digit in a two digit number
- To count in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10 from 0 or any given number, forwards and backwards.

Length, Mass and Weight

- To choose and use appropriate standard units of measurement
- To estimate and measure length and height to the nearest appropriate unit using rulers.
- To compare and order length and record using $<$, $>$ and $=$.

Addition and subtraction

- To recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20.
- To show that addition of two numbers can be done in any order (commutative law).
- To add and subtract numbers using concrete materials, pictorial representations and mentally.

Science

In our topic 'Healthy Me' children will learn how to keep their body and mind healthy, carry out investigations and ask scientific questions,

Skills to be covered:

- To talk about how humans can lead healthy lifestyles
- To ask and answer scientific questions
- To use observations and ideas to answer questions
- To understand the importance of emotional wellbeing
- To carry out a simple test, using measures and equipment
- To talk about how humans can be hygienic and how and why this is important
- To understand what is meant by a healthy diet.
- To observe the effects of exercise on the body
- To investigate the effect of germs on the body
- To record findings using drawing, labelling and writing
- To evaluate the impact of food on the human body



Opportunities for SMSC

Our theme this half term is 'Our School and Community'. As part of this, we will be learning about the different cultures within our year group and celebrating this through music and dance.

Children will be given the opportunity to become a pupil leader in the school through a democracy system where they will be able to share their views on the school and elect a successful class leader.

Value of the Term

Our value of the term is
Courage

Humanities

In Humanities, children will be learning about the history of their school and the local community.

Skills to be covered:

- Use world maps to locate where they live
- Use a globe to locate the UK
- Use an atlas to locate the UK and its surrounding countries
- Use and interpret a range of sources such as maps, diagrams and globes
- Use directional language such as near, far, left and right
- Use compass directions such as North, East, South and West
- Describe the location of features and routes on a map
- Use aerial photography and understand landmarks
- Draw simple maps
- Use grid references
- Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of our school and the local community
- To discuss how the local community has changed over the years

PSHCE

During this term Year 2 will:

- Learn how to contribute to the life of the class and school.
- Set targets for themselves to reach their goals!
- Discuss different ways of learning (seeing, hearing, doing).
- Consider a learning a style that they like best and explain why.
- Explore different feelings
- Discuss how to recognise feelings in others through facial expression and body language.
- Talk about negative feelings and how to overcome certain feelings.

R.E.

Children will be studying Christianity this term. They will be reading stories from the Bible and discussing how they inspire Christians today. They will devise questions for a Christian visitor and research Christian charities.

Computing

During this term Year 2 will:

- Look at E - Safety and learn about how to stay safe online.
- Read and match symbols that can be used to solve a simple algorithms
- Use command cards to direct my friend/ toy
- Plan and generate and follow a sequence of commands for a Bee-bot
- To confidently use algorithm to describe a set of commands
- To confidently use the program Scratch

P.E.

This term the children will be studying a unit of dance. They will be creating a dance based around the 'Great Fire of London' before transferring their skills into cultural dances. The children will learn the skills needed to perform and evaluate their routines effectively. They will be investigating different techniques, including balance, agility and flexibility.

Art/DT

This term Year 2 will be building the skills they need to create an effective collage, incorporating photography to create a city landscape collage.

Skills to be covered:

- Cut around shapes with increasing accuracy, developing their fine motor skills.
- Draw shapes and create outlines.
- Make choices about whether to cut or tear collage materials.
- Know the name the names of a variety of fabrics.
- Sort a range of fabrics by their properties.
- Make choices about the placement and arrangements of their collage materials.
- Take effective photographs.
- Combine collage materials.