

English

In writing we will be learning about using adjectives to write longer and more descriptive sentences in our story writing. In our non-fiction writing we will also begin to join two sentences together using conjunctions (and, but, because, so).

We are focusing on using capital letters and full stops consistently in our writing.

In reading, we will be focusing on some of the key skills e.g. predicting, visualising and retelling.

RE

We will have two units this term. Our first unit will be *Beginnings* where we focus on *The Creation Story* and our second unit will be exploring the Sacrament of Baptism.

PE (Personal)

We will be learning about fundamental movement skills and practising the skills of coordination, footwork and balancing. We will also be developing our understanding of personal challenges and the value of them.

Year 2 Learning Advent 1

History

Our unit this term will be comparing Queen Elizabeth I's reign to Queen Victoria through fashion, values and lifestyle. We will also look at what Leicester was like in the Victorian times. We will end our unit with a trip to Beaumanor Hall.

Science

In Science we will be looking at *Everyday Materials*. We will be observing what materials we can find in our local area, sorting materials into how they are used, comparing the suitability of materials and observe how materials can change shape.

Maths

We will be counting forwards and backwards within 20, 50 and 100. We will also continue to read and write numerals plus their word names up to 100. Alongside this, we will be developing our understanding of *Place Value* (e.g. 25 has 2 tens and 5 ones) to be able to solve problems.

Design and Technology

We will be making a toy train using wheels and axles.

English

In our poetry and explanation text units we will be learning about using the past and present tense. We will also begin to join two sentences together using different conjunctions (when, if, that)

We will be focusing on using capital letters and full stops consistently in our writing and spelling some High Frequency Words accurately.

In reading, we will continue to focus on some of the key skills of reading e.g. inferring, clarifying and asking and answering questions about what we have read.

Music

We will be exploring *Indonesian* music. We will begin by listening to and discussing *Gamelan* and finish the unit by creating a new piece of music using glockenspiels.

PE (Social)

We will be learning about dynamic balances, agility and static balances. Also, we will be developing our social skills of supporting, praising and encouraging others in their learning through social interactions.

Year 2 Learning Advent 2

Science

In Science, we will be looking at *Animals including Humans*. In this unit, we will look at how humans grow, what our basic needs are and how we lead a healthy lifestyle through a balanced diet, exercise and hygiene.

Art

We will be looking at Van Gogh's drawing of the 'Starry Night' and experimenting using different types of lines to create our own landscapes.

RE

We will begin this term by looking at another faith, Judaism. We will look at the importance of Shabbat and how Jewish people prepare for it. We will then move onto our Advent unit of *Preparations*, where we look at how Christians prepare for the coming of Christ.

Maths

We will be learning about the written and mental methods of addition and subtraction. We will also be solving equations and word problems involving two-digit numbers of tens and ones. Throughout this unit we will revise our mathematical fluency of number bonds to 10, 20 and 100.

English

Our English units this term will focus on wishing and journey narratives based on *Lila and the Secret of Rain* and *Meerkat Mail*. We will be learning about the key features of narratives to apply them into our written pieces.

In our Guided Reading unit, we will be reading *James and the Giant Peach*. We will be learning how to track and internalise the text using a range of *Good Reader* skills.

RE

Our units this half term are *Books* and *Thanksgiving* where we will be focussing on the different books used in Church and exploring the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

History

We will be learning about the life of Nelson Mandela and why he is a significant individual from the past.

PE (Cognitive)

We will be practicing our newly learnt skills of static and dynamic balances. We will also learn how to evaluate our own performances and that of our peers.

Year 2 Learning Lent 1

Design and Technology

We will be researching different types of fruit and where they come from. We will then be designing and making fruit kebabs focussing on the two main cutting techniques (the bridge and the claw).

Geography

In Geography we will be learning about the seven continents and five oceans of the world. We will then find out about what it is like to live in Kenya specifically the weather and the similarities and differences between urban and rural areas.

Maths

Our first unit this term will be *Multiplication* where we will be focussing on using the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables. We will also learn about the Commutative Law, which means two numbers can be multiplied in any order. We will then revisit *Addition and Subtraction*, but now begin to focus on adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers. We will finish the term looking at *Division*. In this unit, we will be using and recalling division facts from the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables and identify odd and even numbers too.

English

Our first unit will be poetry, based on *The Magic Box* written by Kit Wright. We will explore and identify features such as rhyming, similes and expanded noun phrases.

In our second English Unit we will be looking at Roald Dahl's *The Twits*. In this unit we will explore and compare the different characters' appearances and personalities.

In our Guided Reading unit, we will continue to read *James and the Giant Peach*. We will now begin to show our understanding of the text through simple comprehension questions.

Art

We will be looking at Georges Seurat's painting 'A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte' and exploring colour mixing and the technique of *Pointillism*.

PE (Creative)

We will be practicing our newly learnt fundamental movement skills of coordination and balance through Dance. We will also be learning about different dance movements and how to link them together to create a performance.

Year 2 Learning Lent 2

Science

In Science we will be looking at *Living Things*. We will be learning about the differences between things that are living, dead and have never been alive. We will then find out about a variety of habitats and how different animals are best suited to the habitats they live in. This will then lead onto food chains and how living things depend on each other.

RE

This half term we will continue to explore the Sacrament of the Eucharist before starting our new unit about *Opportunities*. In this unit we will learn about the events in Holy Week.

Maths

Our first unit this term will be *Shape* where we will be identifying and describing the properties of 2D and 3D objects. We will then move onto *Money* and begin by recognising the value of each coin and note. We will then work on finding different combinations of coins that equal the same amount before moving onto word problems which will involve finding change. Our last unit is *Time*, where we will review our o'clock and half past knowledge, and then learn about quarter past, quarter to and 5 minute intervals of time.

English

In our first English unit, we will be exploring *Traditional Tales*. We will be reading and comparing different versions of *Cinderella* from around the world. By the end of the unit, we will have written our own traditional tale following the format of a story mountain: Opening, Build-up, Problem, Resolution and Ending. Our second unit will focus on a non-chronological report about animals, their habitats and how they have adapted to them. In reading, we will continue to focus on comprehension and retrieving information from a text.

Computing

We will be learning about *Programming* and how to make simple algorithms (instructions) to create a quiz.

RSHE

In RSHE we will learn about the story of '*The Good Samaritan*' and be introduced to the concept of the *Holy Trinity* (God as a three in one community of love). We will then learn about the local and global communities that we are part of and what rights and responsibilities come with belonging to these communities.

Year 2 Learning Pentecost 1

RE

Our first unit this half term is *Spread the Word* where we will learn about the events of Easter Sunday, The Ascension, Pentecost and how we can spread the good news as Christians through our words and actions. Also this half term we will be looking at another faith, Hinduism.

Science

In our next Science topic we will be looking at *Plants* and what conditions they need to grow healthily. We will also be experimenting with how seeds disperse through wind, water, animals and explosion.

Maths

Our first unit this half term will be *Fractions* where we will be focussing on finding $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of shapes and numbers. We will then move onto Position and Direction where we will use mathematical vocabulary such as forwards, backwards, left and right to describe position and direction. We will also include vocabulary relating to rotation e.g. quarter turn (right angle), half and three-quarter turns (clockwise and anti-clockwise).

English

In English, our first unit will be report writing. We will be reflecting over our time in Year 2 to write our own report using the past tense.

In our next unit we will be learning about non-fiction recounts based on our trip to Twycross Zoo. We will be exploring the different features of a recount alongside learning how to write in first person.

In our Guided Reading unit, we will be completing *James and the Giant Peach*. Consolidating our *Good Reader* skills to ensure we have understood the whole text.

Art

We will be looking at the work of *Andy Goldsworthy* and exploring using different natural materials found around the school grounds to create a temporary sculpture.

PE (Fitness)

We will be applying our fundamental movement skills of coordination, balance and agility into a range of ball-based activities. We will also develop our hand and eye coordination.

Year 2 Learning Pentecost 2

RE

In RE our first unit is '*Rules*' where we will be exploring reconciliation. We will be learning that God has rules that we follow as good Christians. We will also link back to God's creations within the unit of '*Treasures*'. We will be learning that everyone is our neighbour and loved by God because we are all God's treasures.

Geography

In Geography we are developing our fieldwork skills using a story and the local environment (Western Park) to create our own maps.

History

In History we will be using our research skills to learn about the history of Christ the King. We will also, walk to the Junior Site to learn how it has changed over time.

Maths

Our first unit this half term will be about *Measurement* where we will be learning about standard units of measure e.g. length/height(m/cm); mass (kg/g); temperature (°C); capacity (litres/ml) using rulers, scales, thermometers and measuring vessels. We will also revisit *Multiplication and Division* to consolidate our learning by solving word problems.