

Year 2 Spring 1 Curriculum Leaflet

ENGLISH

This term, we're diving into the world of poetry with Pep the Poet. Children will explore the beauty of language, crafting character descriptions for Willbee and delving into the bug kingdom with a non-chronological report.

Adding a touch of reality, we'll recount our adventures at Lower Drayton Farm, enhancing writing skills through reflection. Our focus on synthetic phonics and a tailored smart reading scheme will further empower our pupils, fostering strong reading foundations for a lifelong love of language. We are actively enhancing our KS1 library to provide a diverse and engaging collection of books, fostering a vibrant reading culture for our pupils.

PSHE

Year 2 dives into the PSHE theme of "Relationships," culminating in crafting bunting for our 'Relationship Fiesta.' This unit sharpens crucial social and emotional skills, guiding children to identify family members, appreciate sharing and cooperation, and explore acceptable forms of physical contact. Emphasising conflict resolution and positive problem-solving in friendships, the unit navigates the complexities of keeping secrets. Children learn the significance of trust, express and accept appreciation in relationships, fostering positive connections within their families, schools, and communities.



Art

This half term, Year 2 will explore 'Earth Art', culminating in crafting collages with natural materials. Children develop artistic skills—recreating images with wet paint, sculpting with playdough and sticks, and creating scenes with leaves. They delve into spatial pictures and imaginative interpretations of natural material art. This unit fosters creativity, problem-solving, and art evaluation, encouraging a vibrant exploration of Earth-inspired expressions.

MATHS

This term in Year 2 Maths, pupils embark on an enriching journey encompassing a diverse array of mathematical skills. From the interpretation of data in tally charts to adeptly solving addition and subtraction word problems, they immerse themselves in practical scenarios, honing their problem-solving prowess. Additionally, pupils delve into the intricacies of 3D shapes, actively identifying and understanding their properties. Exploring the realm of fractions, particularly calculating fractions of amounts, adds a layer of depth to their numerical comprehension. Moreover, engaging in measurement activities further enhances their geometric understanding. To visually reinforce their understanding, pupils are introduced to Venn diagrams, aiding in illustrating relationships between sets, and Carroll diagrams, facilitating the classification and sorting of data based on multiple criteria. This comprehensive and multifaceted approach ensures a well-rounded mathematical exploration, laying a robust foundation for their ongoing and future learning.

RE

In Year 2, children will explore Islam, focusing on what matters most to Muslims. The unit covers Mosques, Wudu, and the Qur'an, progressing from recognizing leaders to understanding the emotional connections to special places. Skills development includes the revelation of the Qur'an and the belief in Allah. The unit encourages thoughtful reflection on Islamic practices and beliefs. By the end, children articulate what matters most to Muslims and themselves, fostering cultural awareness.

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COMPUTING

This half term, Year 2 explores the unit 'We are Photographers' in Computing, focusing on taking, selecting, and editing digital images. Children will learn to capture sharp photos, review, and select shots, and use cropping and straightening techniques. They also engage in peer photo reviews and adjust image components. This unit encourages reflection, fostering growing proficiency in digital photography.

Geography

This half term, children will explore food journeys. The goal is to create a 'Great British Food Map.' The unit covers basic knowledge of food origins, production steps, and processing. Pupils learn about farming, with a focus on dairy farming and the production of milk and other food products. Geographical knowledge expands to include the UK's parts, traditional foods, and the locations of Wales and Scotland. Practical applications include mixing foods, understanding local high streets, and distinguishing food types. The unit culminates in the creation of the 'Great British Food Map,' showcasing the children's understanding of food sources and production processes.

MUSIC



In our Music lessons this term, pupils will explore another song by Joana Mangona – I wanna play in a band. They will have the chance to listen to and appreciate music, play fun and flexible games, warm up their voices with vocal exercises, and even experiment with playing glockenspiels. Through this journey, they will learn to sing the song and express themselves creatively through movement

SCIENCE

Embark on an exciting scientific journey with our unit, "Squash, Bend, Twist, and Stretch." Your child will explore how the shapes of solid objects change through actions like squashing, bending, twisting, and stretching. This hands-on experience cultivates essential scientific skills such as keen observation, simple testing, identification, and classification, and using data to answer questions. We aim to spark curiosity and instil a love for science in your child as they engage in this interactive learning adventure.

INFORMATION

PE Day – Tuesday
Homework – Set on Fridays to be returned the following week
Lower Drayton Farm – Thursday 8th January
Maths Parent Workshop – Tuesday 28th January