



Year 2 Spring 2: 2025-2026



Our unit this half term is Secret Garden
Have a look at our exciting, fun learning!

Reading & Phonics

Reading will be based around our new topic 'Secret Garden.' It will include a range of fiction and non-fiction books.

Children will be working on phase 3-5 and beyond, in phonics. Children in phase 3 will continue to identify, sound and blend words in sentences. Children in phase 5 and beyond will be learning to read more complex words with prefixes and suffixes.

Writing

Writing skills will continue to be taught through a range of fun and engaging activities. Our whole class texts this term are: A seed is Sleepy, Vincent Van Gogh, Wangari's Trees of Peace and Secret Garden. The children will have the opportunity to discuss and explore these texts thinking about fiction and non-fiction. They will produce a range of writing pieces including recounts, biographies, non-chronological reports and imaginative stories.

Maths

Children will continue to learn and build on the following concepts:

- Time - we will recap the days of the week and months of the year
- Time - we will learn how to tell the time to 15 minutes and 5 minutes
- Time - we will compare time
- Statistics - we will learn how to use and interpret a variety of charts and graphs.

They will also continue to recap and embed their knowledge of the four arithmetic operations and reason using our reasoning characters; Explain it Ellie, Show me Shafi and Use it Unicorn.

Science

Our science topic for this half term is based on plants. The children will be able to observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. They will also find out and describe what plants need in order to stay healthy. For example, water, light and a suitable temperature.

Throughout the term the children will continue to develop their working scientifically skills such as asking questions, observing, performing simple tests, identifying and classifying, using observations to suggest answers to questions and gathering data.

PE

This half term the children will learn skills to enable them to play Net/Wall games. The children will:

- Learn how to hold a racket correct
- Learn how to use a racket to aim at a target
- Learn how to roll and aim a ball using the underarm technique
- Learn how to use tactics for defending and attacking .

The children will also be taking part in their 3 minute stamina run to develop and maintain their levels of health and fitness

Computing

Computing is an integral part of the curriculum and will be used across all subjects. Children will practise:

- Running and closing a program
- Algorithms
- Fact finding
- Creating bar charts and graphs.

Children will continue to learn about internet safety across year 2, using a range of sources.

RE

Our RE lessons will be based on Judaism this half term. We will really think about what they believe.

During the half term we will:

- Listen to and discuss a range of sacred stories
- Know that different people believe in different things
- Know how Jewish people show their faith

PSHE

This term's learning will build on pupil's knowledge and understanding about their wider world with a focus on Money Matters. The children will:

- Know how we are the same and how we are different
- Recognise money and know how it can be obtained
- Know how money can be used and how it can be earned
- Understand how money can be saved

Music

Children will have the opportunity to play and listen to a wide range of musical instruments. They will learn about the dynamics of music, allowing them to explore musical symbols and sharing their knowledge with parents and carers.

Topic - Secret Garden - Our WOW day - Children will go on a local walk and make their very own greenhouses

As part of a broad and balanced curriculum, pupils will learn key skills in relation to their new topic this term. The topic will begin with an exciting wow experience at a wonderful park where they will be able to learn about what seedlings need in order to grow into healthy and strong plants. Additionally, through our Geography lessons, the children we be taught how to compare and contrast small areas of the UK to a non-European country. They will learn how some countries have more natural features, whereas some have more man-made features, and they will be taught how to use compass directions to find locations on a map.

Excitingly, through our Homework Project, the children will be able to plant and grown their own plants at home. They will be able to use the knowledge they have learnt at school in order to successful grow a healthy, strong plant.

How you can help me at home

- Please enjoy a book with me every day.
- Take me to the library so that I can choose books to read. These may be linked to my topic.
- Ask me what learning I did at school today so I can describe and explain.
- Help me find pictures and objects to make and create things at home.
- Listen to and join in when I sing my school songs so that I can learn them really well.
- Talk about what it means to be a good learner and a good friend.
- Let me help you when we go shopping by writing a shopping list and counting items to put in our trolley or basket.
- Help me recognise coins by letting me count them.
- Talk about and describe the changes in weather to help me learn about different seasons.
- Read me a bedtime story.