



Year 2 Summer 1: 2025-2026



Our topic this half term is Muck, Mess and Mixtures

Have a look at our exciting, fun learning!

Reading & Phonics

Reading will be based around developing our understanding of our reading skills through the use of our reading buddies.

Our reading will be heavily linked to our new topic 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures'. Our exciting story this half term will be "George's Marvellous Medicine" by Roald Dahl.

Children will be working on phase 3-5 and beyond, in phonics. The children will be learning about root words, prefixes and suffixes. Children will have additional opportunities to practise applying their phonic knowledge during our afternoon reading sessions.

Writing

Our writing will begin with a magical, memorable experience, where children will engage in potion-making during our wow afternoon. Children will write instructions, recounts, diary entries, character descriptions and a newspaper article.

The children will have the opportunity to discuss and plan their writing whilst continuing to develop their writing skills using think it, say it, hold it, write it, punctuate it, check it.'

Maths

Children will continue to recap learning around number including:

Arithmetic: Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Children will be taught a range of methods and will be encouraged to find, explain and prove their answers.

Children will also engage in problem solving and will be encouraged to provide reasons for the answers or conclusions they have reached using our four characters; Explain it Ellie, Use it Unicorn, and Show me Shafi.

Science

Our science learning for this half term enables the children to learn all about performing simple tests and to ensure that scientific testing is 'fair'.

Children will investigate materials that are magnetic and non-magnetic using scientific vocabulary to explain which materials 'attract' and which 'repel'. They will also carry out an absorbency investigation and identify how materials change when they are mixed with water.

Towards the end of the term, the children will explore famous inventors, such as: John Dunlop,

PE

We will be staying active and learning about how to keep fit this half term through our three-minute stamina runs.

This half term, the children will be learning how to play invasion games. The children will be taught to:

Computing

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

Children will continue to learn about internet safety across year 2, using a range of sources including awareness about keeping our personal information safe.

RE

Our RE lessons this term, the children will look at and answer the question, 'Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?'

The children will learn about Islam and they will also think about what they believe and discuss this with their peers. They will be able to suggest some answers about how believing in God influences the way that

PSHE

In our PSHE lessons this half term, we will be learning about Changes and Health and Wellbeing.

We will be thinking about:

- How we are similar to others and how we are different.
- Changes and what the term means

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand what an invasion game is • Know how to kick a ball whilst moving their body • Understand what possession means • Pass and receive a ball • Show control and coordination • Understand the job of an attacker and a defended • Dodge and swerve • Mark an opponent • Shoot a target 	<p>Our key curriculum area this term is - Using Technology. The children will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain how to use control technology • Identify suitable technology for a purpose • Use suitable technology for a purpose 	<p>Muslims live and they will be able to talk about what influences them. We will also learn about the Qur'an and reflect on what things matter to us the most and why. We will also learn about how babies are welcomed into the world in different ways.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feelings associated with 'loss' and 'change' • Changes that may happen as we grow from young to old • How we can manage change positively • Coping strategies we can use
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Music

Children will have the opportunity to play and listen to a wide range of musical instruments. The children will explore and gain an appreciation for different genres of music e.g. folk, jazz and classical.

Topic - Mess, Muck and Mixtures

As part of a broad and balanced curriculum, pupils will learn key skills in relation to their new topic this term. The unit of learning will begin with an exciting wow experience where children will learn to make marvellous potions. Through our history lessons, we will be researching Roald Dahl and we will be able to explain what he did and why he is important. We will then compare him with Brunel. For their homework project, children will have the opportunity to design their very own 3D potion bottle using materials that they can find at home.

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.