Year 2 Curriculum Overview – Autumn 1



Maths

In maths this half term, we will begin looking at numbers within 100 and their place value. Children will have opportunities to practise counting forwards and backwards within 100 and partition two-digit numbers into tens and ones. As we progress through the half term, we will also recap counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and begin learning to count in 3s. Then we will focus on understanding fact families and identifying and recalling numbers to 100

English

In English this half term, we will be focusing on two key stories - Grandad's Island and The Tunnel. We will use our reading skills in order to predict, infer and learn new vocabulary. In addition to this, we will be focusing on using story maps to sequence events and retell parts of the story. We will also begin using adjectives to help us to describe characters and settings and explore and read reports.

During our phonics sessions we will be focusing on learning to spell using alternative sounds. The children will spend this half term revisiting sounds they learnt in year 1.

Music

In music, we will be listening and responding to music. The children will start to discuss what they like/dislike about music and begin to join in with repeated rhythmic patterns.

PE

In our PE sessions this half term, we will be developing our physical literacy as we engage in various games.

Art

This half term, we will be focusing on drawing and painting. We will look in detail at Vincent Van Gogh and try to recreate some of his artwork including Starry night. The children will practise skills such as mixing colours and adding detail through lines and dots.

How to get involved at home

Encourage your child to practise their weekly spellings.

Continue to read with your child and ask questions about what they have read in order to develop comprehension.

Count to and from 100 with your child including counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s.

Science

In science this half term, we will be learning about everyday materials. The children will build a range of new vocabulary to describe materials and properties. We will also be conducting some investigations to help us understand why materials are used for certain purposes.

History

In history this half term, we will be learning about Grace Darling as we focus on learning about significant people in our locality. We will find out about how sea rescue has been improved since this event.

RE

In RE this half term, we will be learning about Islam. We will learn about what Muslims believe and start to understand some traditions and stories from the Quran.

PHSE

This term, the children will be learning about feelings and emotions and how to manage their own emotions. They will also learn about different types of behaviour and how they can affect others.