



Medium Term Planning

Year 2

Summer First Half Term



English	Mathematics
This half term we will look at the story The Papaya that Spoke following the Talk for Writing approach. We will write sentences to describe the character's actions and look at ways to edit and improve our own work. We will then look at non-fiction writing and write our own newspaper report about our focus story. We will explore performance poetry and will look at a variety of poems and performances.	This half term we will be learning about measurement with a focus on length and height. We will compare lengths and height and will accurately measure in centimetres and metres. We will also explore position and direction in geometry, describing position, movement and turns. Children will also make patterns with shapes.
Art & Design	Computing
This half term we will explore Sculpture. We will look at a range of artists and discuss the similarities and differences in their work. We will then use a range of materials including clay to design and make our own sculptures!	In Computing this half term our unit of work is focused on Programming with Scratch Jr. Children will learn how to use technology to create digital content. They will learn how to use code blocks to give instructions to an avatar on screen.
Design & Technology	Geography
Next half term we will be learning about Structures. The children will look at Baby Bear's Chair and begin to explore stability and methods to strengthen structures. We will look at weaknesses in the structure of Baby Bear's chair and develop an improved solution for him to use.	Next half term we will be learning about 'Countries and Cities of the World'. We will use world maps, atlases and globes to locate the world's continents and oceans. We will explore weather patterns for countries located near the equator and compare with countries located near the polar regions.
History	Music
This half term, our theme will be 'Kind and Caring'. We will be learning about the lives and achievements of Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale. The children will look at similarities and differences between the two women. We will also compare health care in the past to what it is like today.	This half term in Music we will learn to sing The Friendship Song. We will begin to develop skills in tuned percussion by using chime bars. We will listen to and appraise a range of songs from the Pop Music genre!
Personal Social Health & Economic Education (PSHE)	Physical Education (PE)
This half term our topic is Economic Wellbeing. The children learn about financial literacy including how adults get money, how to look after money and discuss why we use banks and building societies.	In PE this half term we will be developing our skills in gymnastics. We will master basic movements including running, jumping, throwing, catching, as well as developing balance, agility and coordination.
Religious Education (RE)	Science
In RE, our focus will be 'How do some People speak to God?'. Children will find out about the different ways that people pray and discuss why they consider this important.	In Science, we are learning about Plants. We will plant seeds and observe and describe how they grow. We will find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow.