

Medium Term Planning

Year 2





English	Mathematics

This half term, we will begin by exploring the story The Comet by Joe Todd-Stanton. Through this text, we will use Colourful Semantics to construct simple sentences that create a setting description. We will then move on to a non-fiction unit using the book First Cookbook. We will continue to use Colourful Semantics to support our writing, learning how to write clear and simple recipe instructions. Throughout the half term, we will also continue to develop our reading fluency and comprehension skills by following the McKie Power Phonics programme.

This half term, we will begin by focusing on place value. We will learn to recognise tens and ones, partition numbers and write numbers in words. We will also practise counting in 2s, 3s, 5s, and 10s. In addition, we will compare and order numbers and explore numbers up to 100. We will work in pairs, small groups and independently, using a range of equipment to help us understand and represent numbers.

Art & Design

This half term, we will be learning about chromatic art. Through painting, we will explore primary and secondary colours and learn how different colours work together. We will also look at warm and cool colours and use complementary colours to create our own landscape artwork. We will explore the work of Ted Harrison and use his unique style as inspiration for our own colourful paintings.

Computing

This half term in Computing, we will be learning about e-safety. We will explore what personal information is and why it should be kept private, as well as thinking about whether we can always trust what we see online. We will also learn what it means to be responsible when using technology and know where to go for help if something online makes us feel worried or upset.

Design & Technology

This half term in Design & Technology, we will be learning about food and nutrition. We will identify different foods and their food groups, explore what makes a balanced meal, and learn how to prepare ingredients carefully and safely. We will also plan our own recipes and use the school cookery room to make tasty wraps.

Geography

We will continue our geography learning journey next half term.

History

This half term in history, we will be learning about explorers. We will explore the lives and achievements of Neil Armstrong and Captain James Cook, learning about the significant contributions they made to space and sea exploration. We will identify the characteristics of successful explorers and consider the impact their journeys had on the world and exploration. To bring our learning to life, we will imagine our own explorations, choosing a destination and thinking about how we might prepare for such an adventure.

Music

This half term in music, we will be developing our understanding of rhythm by practising with untuned percussion instruments. We will explore a variety of musical genres and discuss our likes and dislikes about different pieces of music. We will also learn to sing the song "Hands, Feet, Heart" with increasing confidence and control.

Personal Social Health & Economic Education (PSHE)

This half term in PSHE, we will be learning about families and relationships. We will explore the role of family, the different types of families people may have, and how friendships can affect the way we feel. We will also begin to look at stereotypes and how they can influence our ideas about jobs and careers. At the start of our PSHE lessons, we will focus on online safety and learn where to go for help and support if we have concerns about content or contact on the internet or other online technologies.

Physical Education (PE)

This half term in PE we will be focusing on gymnastics. We will learn how to warm up and cool down safely, carry and use equipment correctly and link skills such as rolling, jumping, balancing, and travelling to create simple sequences. We will also practise holding shapes, using apparatus safely, and developing our control, coordination, and balance.

Religious Education (RE)

This half term in RE, our topic is Why Do We Give Thanks? We will begin by thinking about the things we are thankful for and how we show appreciation to others. We will explore the importance of Harvest and why it is a time for giving thanks. We will also learn about how and why people give thanks to God and explore how some Christians use music to express their gratitude.

Science

This half term in science, we will be learning about humans and animals. We will begin by identifying the different stages of the human life cycle, before exploring the life cycles of animals and learning which offspring come from which parent. We will also observe and measure how humans grow and change over time. In addition, we will look at the basic needs for survival for both humans and animals, and learn about the importance of exercise, hygiene, and a balanced diet in helping us stay healthy.