

# Medium Term Planning

## Year 2

### Autumn 2026 First Half Term

| English                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Mathematics                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <p>This half term, we will begin by exploring the story <i>The Comet</i> by Joe Todd-Stanton. Through this text, we will use Colourful Semantics to help us construct simple sentences and create a setting description. We will then move on to a non-fiction unit using the book <i>First Cookbook</i>. 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 continue to develop our reading fluency and comprehension skills through the McKie Power Phonics programme.</p> | <p>This half term, we will begin by developing our understanding of place value. We will learn to recognise the value of tens and ones, partition numbers in different ways, and read and write numbers in both numerals and words. We will practise counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s, compare and order numbers, and explore numbers to 100. Alongside place value, we will develop our understanding of addition and subtraction. We will learn addition and subtraction facts within 20 by exploring fact families and developing our understanding of the relationship between addition and subtraction.</p> |
| Art & Design                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Computing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>This half term, we will be learning about chromatic art. Through painting, we will explore primary and secondary colours and learn how colours can be mixed and combined to create different effects. We will investigate 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 distinctive style as inspiration for our own colourful paintings.</p>                                                                                                                                            | <p>This half term in Computing, we will be learning about e-safety. We will explore what personal information is and why it is important to keep it private. We will consider whether we can always trust the information we see online and learn how to be responsible and safe when using technology. We will also learn where to go for help and support if something online makes us feel worried or upset.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Design & Technology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Geography                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>This half term in Design and Technology, we will be learning about food and nutrition. We will identify different foods and the food groups they belong to, explore what makes a balanced diet, and learn how to prepare ingredients safely. We will plan and design our own healthy wraps before using the school cookery room to prepare and make them. Throughout the unit, we will develop our food preparation skills and evaluate our finished products.</p>                                                                                                                       | <p>We will continue our learning journey next half term.</p> <p><a href="#">Richardson Dees Primary School - Geography</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| History                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Music                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>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 qualities of successful explorers and consider the impact their journeys had on the world. We will compare the achievements of these significant individuals and explore why they are remembered today. To bring our learning to life, we will</p>                                                                        | <p>This half term in Music, we will be learning the song <i>Tony Chestnut</i>. We will use our voices expressively by singing songs, speaking chants and performing rhymes with clear diction. We will listen carefully to a range of music and explore how it can express different ideas and feelings. We will play both tuned and untuned percussion instruments, improvise simple rhythms using the notes C and G, and compose our own call-and-response pieces. We will also learn to perform</p>                                                                                                         |

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| choose a destination and think about how we would prepare for our own adventure.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | simple melodies on tuned percussion instruments and develop our confidence when performing together.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Personal Social Health &amp; Economic Education (PSHE)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Physical Education (PE)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| This half term in PSHE, we will be learning about families and relationships. We will explore the role of families, the different types of families people may have, and how friendships can affect the way we feel. We will begin to understand stereotypes and explore 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 when using the internet or other online technologies. | This half term, we will be developing our team games and ball skills. We will learn how our bodies feel before, during, and after exercise, and understand the importance of warming up and cooling down. We will also practise carrying sports equipment safely. We will develop skills to strike or hit a ball with increasing control and position our bodies effectively. We will practise throwing different types of equipment for accuracy and distance, and throw, catch, and bounce a ball with a partner. Finally, we will use these throwing and catching skills in game situations and practise throwing a ball for distance. |
| <b>Religious Education (RE)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Science</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| This half term in RE, our topic is <i>Why Do We Give Thanks?</i> We will begin by thinking about the things we are thankful for and how we can show appreciation to others. We will explore the importance of Harvest and why it is a time for giving thanks. We will learn about how and why Christians give thanks to God and discover how music and worship can be used to express gratitude. Throughout the unit, we will reflect on the importance of thankfulness in our own lives and the lives of others.                                | This half term in Science, we will be learning about humans and animals. We will identify the stages of the human life cycle and compare them with the life cycles of different animals. We will learn about offspring and how they grow into adults, observing and measuring how humans change over time. We will also explore the basic needs of humans and animals for survival and learn how exercise, good hygiene and a balanced diet help us to stay healthy.                                                                                                                                                                      |