

English

In English we will be looking at stories by the same author as a starting point for creating our own stories. We will learn to write instructions and non-fiction reports based on our Explorers theme.

Children will be working on building their spelling and reading accuracy through our daily phonics and Guided Reading sessions.

In writing, the children will continue to secure the use of full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks and question marks.

RE

In RE we will develop the children's knowledge of Eastertide: that Jesus rose from the dead and is present with us today. The children will learn about the appearance of Jesus to his disciples, his Ascension to heaven to be with God the Father and the significance of Pentecost and the symbols of the Holy Spirit.

After half term, we will learn about other faiths such as Islam and how their belief are both similar and different to Christianity.

History

Children will learn about the life and achievements of the explorer Christopher Columbus and his voyage of discovery in 1492. The children will be challenged to think critically about the impact of his voyages and examine sources of historical evidence from different points of view.

Maths



In Maths we will be learning about fractions, developing our understanding of unit and non-unit fractions and how to count in fractions.

In our time unit we will focus on telling time to the half hour and quarter hour as well as finding and comparing durations of time.

We will be looking at statistics in how to make tally charts, block diagrams and interpreting pictograms.

We will also be looking at the language of position and movement and describing the direction of when an object turns.

Music

Through the Charanga scheme we will be finding the pulse as we listen to songs on a friendship theme. We will appraise songs and then perform them as a class.

Science

As the days become lighter and warmer, we will be investigating plants and discussing what they need to grow. We will keep a diary of a plant and see how it grows over time. We will also build on our existing knowledge of materials. This will include experiments such as how materials can change their shape by twisting, bending, squashing or stretching.

Year 2 Summer Term Explorers



PE

The children will improve and apply their basic fundamental movement skills in games that demand simple choices and decisions. They will continue to refine their strategies and techniques, using them to outwit others and gain an advantage in succeeding at the game. The focus will be on striking and fielding games, giving the opportunity to practice throwing, running and catching skills.

Computing

Children will use an online pictogram tool to organise data using different methods including tally charts, pictograms and block diagrams.

Art and D&T

Children will explore aboriginal art through painting and chalk. Following the half term break, in D&T, the children will be learning how to sew. They will learn simple stitches to create bunting.

Geography

After the half term break, we will be looking at hot and cold climates in the world. We will revisit the seven continents and five oceans and how the climates differ between them. In relation to our history topic of Columbus' expedition, we will talk about reasons why he was confused about his location after his long voyage.

PSHE

In our next myHappyMind topic called Relate, the children will learn how we can have good relationships with other people. They will understand how everyone's different character strengths help us to relate and react differently to situations we come across.