

Year 2

Curriculum Newsletter



BRINGING YOU THE LATEST NEWS STRAIGHT FROM THE CLASSROOM



KEY DATES

End of Term 5 –
Friday 27th May

Start of Term 6 –
Monday 6th June

Parent-Teacher Conferences –
Thursday 30th June and
Tuesday 5th July

English & Grammar

This term, Year 2 will be studying the story of The Emperor's New Clothes, learning and recording new vocabulary related to the story. This will include a range of high-level adjectives, which they will use to describe a character from the book, forming accurate expanded noun phrases to create these descriptions. They will also be learning how to incorporate fronted adverbials into such descriptions effectively.

They will move on to diary writing, learning about the key features of a diary or journal, as well as how the past progressive tense can be used to write in this way. They will write their own independent diary entries based on the story of The Emperor's New Clothes, writing from the perspective of a character from the book.

Ancient History

In the summer term, we are continuing our study of Ancient Rome. We will look at the key battles and Rome's emperors as well as the decline and fall of Ancient Rome.

Maths

This term, the children will be using the 'Make Ten' strategy to add and subtract ones. They will be regrouping for addition and subtraction, and they will be solving addition and subtraction word problems. They will also learn to add and subtract near doubles and multiples of ten using mental strategies.

They will then move on to the unit of money where they will learn to recognise and use symbols for pounds (£) and pence (p), combine amounts to make a particular value and find different combinations of coins that equal the same amounts of money. They will also solve simple problems in a practical context involving addition and subtraction of money of the same unit, including giving change.

Science & Geography

In science, children will explore plant growth, the different parts and functions of plants. They will also be planning and conducting an investigation, making scientific observations and exploring seed dispersal and pollination.

Key words: germination, dispersal, growth, stem, root, shoot, bulb, seed, flower, conditions, prediction, investigate, observe.

In geography, we will be continuing with our topic on countries, cities towns and villages focusing now on towns and our local geography. We will be comparing the different features of towns and villages including key locations and landmarks within the UK.

Key words: the United Kingdom, city, capital city, town, village, London, address, features.

Religious Education

In the summer term, we will be continuing our study of the six major world religions. We will learn about the beliefs, sacred texts and places of worship in the religions of Islam and Sikhism.

PSHE

This term in PSHE we will be looking at the topic of 'Keeping Safe'. Children will learn that:

- The sun can be dangerous and understand how to keep themselves safe in the sun.
- Children understand the risks caused by fire and they understand what they can do to prevent a fire.
- Children understand what they can do to keep themselves safe in the event of a fire, both at home and at school.
- Children understand what a stranger is and they understand what to do if approached by a stranger.

Art

In summer one, the children will be making their own illuminated letters. They will decorate their letters with ornate detail, looking at examples from those on display at the V&A, The Book of Kells, 384AD and The Book of hours, 1400, for inspiration.

Key words: Illuminated manuscript, Foliage, Decorated, Scribe, Margin.

In summer two, the children will be learning about the impressionist painters, Claude Monet and Berthe Morisot. They will experiment with different ways of mark making. They will work with oil pastels and water colour paints and observe what happens when they are used together. They will make their own impressionist style of paintings 'en plein air', and will enjoy painting outside.

Key words: Impression, Light, Reflection, Brushstroke.

PE

This term, we will be focussing on Athletics. This combines a number of fine and gross motor skills including jumping, running and exploring throwing a variety of objects. We will also be concentrating on the concept of individual competition as well as sportsmanship.

Our KS1 sports day will be held at Pimlico Academy on Friday 8th July.