

Year 2 Summer Term 1 Curriculum Map

Phonics & Spelling

Our daily Phonics/Spelling Shed and Group Guided Reading sessions will continue every morning. Please continue to read x4 a week and practise reading and spellings at home.

English



This half term, we will be exploring two core texts. The first, Taking Flight: How the Wright Brothers Conquered the Skies by Adam Hancher, will focus on factual writing as we work towards creating an autobiography of the brothers' lives. Along the way, we will develop skills such as writing instructions, distinguishing between facts and opinions, and organising information clearly. We will then move on to Rosie Revere, Engineer by Andrea Beaty, where we will use the story to inspire creative and technical writing about inventions. The children will develop their use of expanded noun phrases, commands, questions and exclamations, as well as sequencing ideas using conjunctions. This will lead to writing an explanation text about their own wacky invention.



Maths

This half term, we will continue to work through the unit: 'Introduction to Multiplication'. We explore the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, using them to help us solve problems more efficiently. We explore halving and doubling, and the relationship between the two concepts, using this in problem solving. With Mrs Carter, we will be finishing off our unit on 'Time'; focussing on reading and writing the time to 5 minute intervals. Then we will move on to 'Fractions', looking at halves and quarters of amounts.

Science



In Science we will be learning about our new unit, Microhabitats. We will learn to identify and classify different minibeasts, ask scientific questions and use enquiry skills such as observing, grouping, researching and carrying out simple experiments. We will investigate microhabitats around the school, explore why living things live where they do, and carry out an experiments. The unit will also introduce the role of a botanist, with children identifying and describing flowering plants using classification charts.



History

This half term, in History we will be learning about our new unit, 'How Did We Learn to Fly?' The children will explore the story of flight through significant people and events from the past, including the Wright brothers, Bessie Coleman, Amelia Earhart and the Moon landing. They will use photographs, timelines, videos and other historical sources to ask questions, sequence events and find out why certain people and achievements are still remembered today. Through the unit, the children will develop their understanding of past and present, historical significance and how flight has changed over time.

Computing

This half term we will be continuing our learning about staying safe online. We will also be learning about creating animated stories. We will be exploring the difference between traditional and digital stories and creating our own digital stories by drawing characters, adding animation, creating backgrounds and adding sound.



Music and Art

In Music with Mrs Berry, the children will learn to sing a rock 'n' roll-style song, play an introduction on tuned percussion and listen and learn about rock 'n' roll music. In Art with Mrs Phillips, the children will be exploring landscape, including those created by Georgia O'Keefe. We hope to spend some time outside looking across to the Quantocks.

PSHE, RE and PE

In PSHE, our theme this half term is 'Being my Best' and we will be focussing on how we learn new things and health lifestyles. In RE, our big question is 'How important is the prophet Muhammad to Muslims?' In PE with Mrs Storey, we will be preparing for Sports Day by practising our running technique, improving our throwing skills for both accuracy and power, and developing our jumping for distance and height. We will also be learning about the rules of competition, including how disqualification can happen in events, while focusing on improving our own individual performance and doing our personal best.