

Spanish

In Spanish we will be consolidating our basic numbers and greetings. Children will also be learning how to talk about the weather, their birthdays and use basic action verbs.



Religious Education

The unit for this half term is: Hindu Beliefs: How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything?

Children will be investigating elements of Hinduism and the role of Brahman in Hindu's lives. Children will be reflecting on what beliefs and figures they have in their own lives and identify when and how they rely on each one. They will be answering and understanding how Hindus believe Brahman can be everywhere and in everything.



PSHE

Our focus for PSHE this half term is on dreams and goals.

Each week we will focus on a different idea under this theme

- **Staying motivated when something is challenging.**
- **Keeping on trying when something is difficult.**
- **Working well in a team.**
- **Having a positive attitude.**
- **How we can help others achieve their goals.**
- **How we can work towards achieving our own goals and dreams.**

Please Remember...

Please label all children's belongings. It will make pairing up children's coats and jumpers much easier!

Outdoor Adventures will be every Wednesday afternoon. Please provide appropriate footwear for this and ensure your child is wearing our school coat.

If you are able to come and support us please sign up in the office. This is a huge help as without parent helpers we cannot go!

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Year 2



Literacy

Ms Ashley, Miss Katie and Ms Syms groups will be continuing with the *Read Write Inc.* phonics program. Children will be completing a big write every week based on their book and starting to edit their own and others' work. They will have a linked text and their AR book for home reading each week.

Mrs Kaur's group will continue with literacy. We will be looking at a range of texts including fiction, non-fiction and poetry. We will explore the stories of a variety of authors and examine how their use of language makes great storytellers. There will be a particular focus on accuracy of spelling, punctuation and conjunctions. Children will be encouraged to use a range of vocabulary and use their reading to develop and influence their writing.

Computing

We will be using Purple Mash to get to grips with the basics of spreadsheets. We will be learning to copy and paste data into a spreadsheet and interpret data from them.

We will be continuing our focus on internet safety and ensuring all children are confident on using technology safely and respectfully.

Mathematics

Next term we will be continue to explore multiplication and division focusing on 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s. Children will be exploring the concept behind these operations and representing problems using bar models, part whole models and as groups of objects.

We will also be exploring data. This will focus on constructing and reading tally charts, scaled block diagrams and pictographs. Children will be encouraged to understand the limitations of such data and ask their own questions about it.

In the next unit we will explore shapes and patterns; lines and turns. The children will begin by identifying and describing properties of 2D and 3D shapes. They will then use this knowledge to help them compare and sort common shapes and objects. We then move onto describing position and movement using mathematical language. For example, I have moved one quarter turn (90 degrees) clockwise.

Physical Education

In PE this half term we will be looking at invasion games to develop our tactics for attacking and defending. The children will be learning more about working as a team through learning to play football and basket ball.

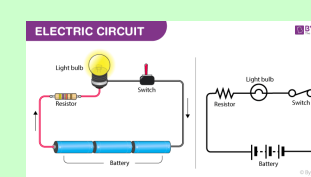
We will also practise our throwing, catching, kicking and passing skills.

PE will continue to be on **Tuesday and Thursday**. Children should come to school in their PE kits.

Topic

In science, children will be doing in introduction to electricity. They will be classifying electronics and investigating how batteries supply power to a circuit. There will also be a focus on how to stay safe with electricity.

Year 2 will be researching significant individuals such as Garrett Morgan. They will be investigating their discoveries and presenting their findings to others.



How can you help me at home?

All children to be reading daily for about 25 minutes a day as this can have a fantastic impact on their vocabulary and writing as well. Please make sure your child is reading their AR book independently and regularly hearing you read more advanced texts!

Spellings will be posted on Purple Mash every Friday. Please make sure you are checking the set and test dates on the sheet.