

Summer Term - Year 2



English



Writing: This term, Class 2 will continue to develop their spelling, punctuation and grammar while also improving their sentence construction and vocabulary. We will be beginning with story writing based on the story Stardust. We will explore siblings, rivalry, jealousy, beginnings and dreams.

Reading: Please continue to read at home with your children and sign their learning journals! We expect all learning journals to be signed at least 3 times a week.

Reading books and Learning Journals should be in school every day. In school we will be concentrating on our reading comprehension skills and practice unpicking text to find key information.

REMEMBER you only have one term left to complete the Year 2 reading challenge and poetry! Remember to complete these as part of your homework each week.



Maths



Children will continue to develop their mathematical understanding, and extend their understanding of number and place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. You can help your child by making sure they know their 2, 5- and 10-times tables. One way of doing this is using Times Table Rockstars

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>. Every child has a log in for this, but please ask if you need this again. We will also learn about time this term, you might like to practise telling the time at home.



Science



This term, we will be learning all about plants. We will identify the parts of plants and consider what plants need to grow. Why not help your child by taking a walk-in nature and discussing the plants that you see in their habitats? You could also talk about plants that you have in your garden or see what trees you can identify on your walk, using this guide.

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/how-to-identify-trees/>

Key Vocabulary - bulb, seed, life cycle, germination, seedling.



History

This term, we will learn about castles. Children will name the features of a castle, understand why castles were built and their importance. Children will also learn about life in a castle and consider how castles have changed over time and the reasons for these changes. They will relate their learning to a castle in our locality - Dudley Castle. What facts can you find out about Dudley Castle?



Key Vocabulary - motte, bailey, battlements, drawbridge, tower, turrets, arrow slits, defend, attack

Geography

We will be looking at 'Africa' this term. The children will continue to develop their geographical understanding of place by comparing 2 contrasting locations. They will understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom (Dudley), and of a small area in a contrasting non-European country (Kenya).

Key Vocabulary - similar, different, compare, climate, population, culture



Religious Education

This term, we will explore how different religions celebrate different festivals. We will consider the Jewish festival of Passover and how families celebrate today. We can compare what we learn about Passover with what we already know about how Christians celebrate Easter.

We will also consider the meaning of revelation and how in Islam, Muhammad received revelations from Allah which were put into one book - the Qur'an.

Key Vocabulary - Judaism, Passover (Pesach), traditions, Islam, Allah, Prophet, Muhammad, Respect, Revelation

Music

In music, we will be learning how to use notation to write music down. You can help your child by counting and clapping to different styles of music and asking them to talk about the instruments and sounds that they hear.

Key Vocabulary - notation, symbol, rhythm, beat, pitch, volume



Art

During art this term, we will be concentrating on painting and textiles. We will consider primary and secondary colours and mix paints to create these. By adding white and black we will create different tints and tones and use all of this to create a piece of abstract art.

Key Vocabulary - primary, secondary, tint, tone, abstract

PSHE

This term we will be considering the topic healthy me. We will discuss healthy lifestyle choices including food choices.

Key Vocabulary - healthy, balanced, diet, motivation, nutritious

P.E

PE sessions will take place on Tuesday and Thursday each week. This term, children will be focusing on invasion games, striking and fielding and athletics, in preparation for sports day. Please make sure any earrings or jewellery are removed before school.

Computing

In computing this term, we will be focusing on spreadsheets and how to use tools to calculate, add images and create tables.

Key Vocabulary- spreadsheet, calculate, tool, sum, table, graph.