



CURRICULUM GUIDE

For parents of children in

Year 2

2026-2027

CURRICULUM GUIDES FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN YEAR 2

Work covered by pupils in Year 2 in the Advent Term will include the following:

Topics: Detectives & Muck, Mess and Mixtures

 English	• Phonics Work + weekly spellings • Written comprehension • Guided reading – oral comprehension • Handwriting – ensuring correct letter formation and orientation • Nativity drama production • Sentence structure • Time openers and exciting openers • Expanded noun phrase • Using 'because' and 'and' • Commas in a list • Command sentences • Adverbs • Proper nouns • Contractions • Exclamative sentences • Using 'when' and 'if' to start sentences
 Mathematics	• Count in steps of 2, 3 and 5 from zero and in 10s from any number, forward and backwards • Identify, represent and estimate numbers to 100 • Compare and order numbers from 0 to 100, using the < > and = signs • Use place value and number facts to solve problems • Recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently, and use related facts up to 100 • Counting in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10 • Exploring properties of 2D and 3D shapes
 RS	• Harvest • Hinduism and the Festival of Navrati • Nativity Production • Christianity festival of Christmas



P.E & Sport

- Major sports: hockey & rugby
- Swimming – confidence in the pool & streamline position.

The following activities will take place on a rotational basis in PE:-

- Fundamental motor skills
- Gymnastics
- Dance



Art/DT

- Mixed media
- Famous artists
- Drawing
- Painting or collaging views from local area
- Printing
- Christmas Card Design
- Christmas Nativity programme design + decorations
- Observational drawing
- Collage
- Colour mixing



Science

- Animals' needs for survival
- Animal classification
- Everyday materials
- Properties of materials
- Grouping and changing materials – man-made and natural materials, heating and cooling.
- Sustainability
- Plastic and waste
- Fair testing
- Investigations
- Scientific vocabulary
- Working scientifically



History

- Learn about changes within living memory
- Learn about significant historical events, people and places in their own locality



Geography

- Using maps and plans
- Keys and symbols
- Using an atlas
- Aerial views
- Local study - fieldwork
- Human and physical features
- Using and giving directions



Music

- Playing the Recorder
- Introduction to the recorder as a musical instrument
- Learning correct posture and hand position
- Practicing breath control and tonguing technique
- Introducing note B:
- Introducing basic music notation
- Performing Preparation
- Learning lyrics and melodies of selected Harvest and Nativity songs.
- Developing articulation, dynamics and expression in singing.
- Performing
- Exploring Sounds from and Inspired by Nature
- Listening to natural sounds (e.g., birdsong, rain, wind).
- Creating soundscapes using classroom instruments and voice.
- Composing short pieces inspired by nature.
- Listening to famous works inspired by nature



Languages

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- At key points in the year, we will also focus on learning greetings and numbers in the languages our children speak at home.



Computing

- Purple Mash
- Spreadsheets
- Coding
- Online safety
- Use of ipads in wider curriculum areas



PSHE/RSE

- Being me in my world
- Celebrating differences
- Feelings/Friendships

Work covered by pupils in Year 2 in the Lent Term will include the following:

Topics: Beat, Band, Boogie + Castles

 English	• Phonics • Guided reading • Recount • Instructions • Labels and captions • Character description • Diary entry • Using 'that' and 'or' to extend sentences • Handwriting
 Mathematics	• Recall and use multiplication and division facts for 2, 5 and 10 x tables including recognising odd and even numbers • Recognise, find, name and write fractions $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a length, shape, set of objects or quantity • Measurement of length and height • Choose and use appropriate standard units to estimate and measure capacity and temperature • Compare and order volume and capacity and record results using < > and = . • Understanding the value of money and using different amounts in different ways to solve problems.
 RS	• Sikhism and Sikh festival of Parkash Utsav • Mothering Sunday • Christian festival of Easter • Islam and Islamic festivals of Ramadan and Eid
 P.E & Sport	• Dance – focus on creating and performing short dances that communicate different moods, feelings and ideas • Weekly swimming lessons • Gross and fine motor skills development through fitness based activities. • Gymnastics



Art/DT

- Easter art activities
- Mother's Day
- Collaborative art
- Making percussion instruments
- Sculpture and clay
- Painting and mixed media



History

- Learn about the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements
- Castles and castle life



Geography

- Structures around the world
- Towers and bridges
- Exploring outdoors and asking questions
- Ariel and hand drawn maps



Science

- Plants
- Light and Dark
- Living things and their habitats
- Food chains
- Fair testing
- Investigations
- Scientific vocabulary
- Working scientifically



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Music

- Recorder Skills
- Improving recorder playing by playing simple melodies using combinations of B, A, and G.
- Developing fluency and accuracy through regular practice.
- Reading Music from a Score
- Recognising and understanding note values and time signatures
- Learning and Performing Easter Songs
- Beat, Band and Boogie
- Exploring rhythm through classroom and body percussion.
- Performing increasingly complex rhythmic patterns.
- Composing short rhythmic pieces in small groups.
- Developing ensemble skills: listening, timing, and coordination.
- Listening and Appraising: Peter and the Wolf
- Listening to Peter and the Wolf by Sergei Prokofiev.
- Identifying and discussing orchestral instruments and their associated characters.
- Learning about instrument families: strings, woodwind, brass, and percussion.
- Exploring how music can tell a story and represent characters.



Computing

- Purple Mash
- Spreadsheets
- Effective searching
- Creating pictures
- Online safety
- Use of ipads in wider curriculum areas



PSHE/RSE

- Dreams and goals
- Healthy me

Work covered by pupils in Year 2 in the Trinity Term will include the following:

Topics: Explorers! & Wriggle and Crawl

 English	• Cursive handwriting adopted for <u>all</u> written work • Narrative • Character descriptions • Setting descriptions • Letter writing • Riddles • Non-fiction writing • Apostrophe to show single possession • Adverbs • Progressive past tense • Adjectives • Consolidation • Future tense • Rhetorical questions
 Mathematics	• Interpret and construct simple pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams and simple tables • Tell and write the time to 5 minutes, including quarter past/to the hour and draw the hands on a clock face • Compare and sequence intervals of time • Use mathematical vocabulary to describe position, direction and movement (BeeBots) • Recognise, find , name and write fractions $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a length, shape, set of objects or quantity • Write simple fractions eg $\frac{1}{2}$ of 6 = 3 • Data Handling
 RS	• Father's Day • Buddhism and Buddhist festival of Losar • Judaism and festival of Shabbat



P.E & Sport

- Practicing and applying athletic skills taught in preparation for Sports Day
- Weekly swimming lesson
- Cricket based games
- Tennis skills



Art/DT

- DT – sewing a pouch
- Father's Day
- Sketching and observational drawings
- Mechanisms and structures



History

- Significant individuals in the past
- Study of local figure
- Timelines
- Learn about significant historical events, people and places in their own locality



Geography

- Identifying seas, countries and capital cities of the UK
- Continents
- Using and making maps
- Location knowledge
- Comparative study of U.K and Australian cities



Science

- Plants, bulbs and seeds
- Growing up
- Life cycles
- Sustainability
- Wildlife
- Fair testing
- Investigations
- Scientific vocabulary
- Working scientifically



Music

- Revising and developing Recorder Work
- Extending repertoire of songs using B, A, and G.
- Playing with increasing accuracy and fluency.
- Reading Music
- Introducing dotted minims and revisiting crotchets, minims, and quavers.
- Prizegiving Event Songs
- Learning and rehearsing songs for the end-of-year Prizegiving celebration.
- Understanding the importance of music in marking special occasions.
- Sea Shanties
- Listening to and learning traditional sea shanties.
- Exploring the historical and cultural context of sea shanties.
- Singing in unison and experimenting with call-and-response structures.
- Using classroom instruments and Garageband on IPADS to create soundscapes and short compositions.



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Computing

- Creating pictures
- Making music
- Presenting Ideas
- Use of iPads in other curriculum areas
- E-safety



PSHE/RSE

- Healthy me
- Changing me

This guide provides an overall outline of work to be covered and is subject to change.