

ENGLISH

Reading is a huge focus for Year 2, and we will listen to children read regularly and question their understanding of their texts so that they can start to use their comprehension skills within our reading lessons.

When children read it sparks their imagination and grows their vocabulary which children can then apply within their writing. This half term we will be writing list poems about the seasons, writing instructions and starting to develop our story writing. We will also be concentrating on making sure that we use our capital letters, full stops and other punctuation consistently to enhance our writing.

RE

We will be answering the big question;
What do Christians believe God is like?

We will look at God's relationship with humans through stories and parables from the Bible. We will start to look deeper into the meaning behind the parables that Jesus used to help people learn or understand his ideas and we will do this through drama, group work and quiet reflection.

GEOGRAPHY

Look out for our upcoming weather reports as we will be focusing on the seasons and the weather this half term. We will be making observations of the weather and make videoed reports detailing our observations.

Stay tuned!

PSHE

We are going to start the term thinking about our hopes and fears for the upcoming year. Children will discuss their feelings and determine what we can do as a class to help each other through change.

This will lead us to our rights and responsibilities and then rewards and consequences.



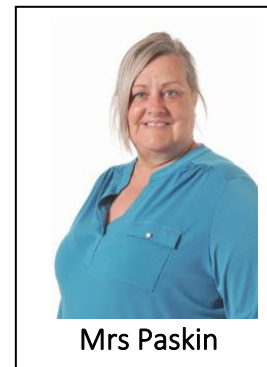
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ART

It's all about the dots this half term!
We will be starting off by looking at the artist **Yayoi Kusama** and her work with dots and pumpkins.



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MATHS

We will be start year 2 by making sure that all children are secure in their basic knowledge of 1 more, 1 less and 10 more and 10 less and that they are able to start to explain how they know these facts using mathematical language.

In Arithmetic we will use vertical addition and subtraction, and some will be challenged with tricky columns.

In Data and Measure we will focus on gathering information and presenting our findings in pictograms and bar charts. This will link brilliantly well with our Geography topic where we are collecting information about the weather.

In Geometry the focus will be on shape and discussing the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

We will continue to use reasoning in all maths lessons so that all children develop their reasoning and problem-solving skills within different contexts.

COMPUTING

This unit will give step-by-step guidance on using Scratch Jr which is a programming app. We will become astronauts and program a sprite to move around the planets.

MUSIC



All the learning in this unit is focused around one song: **Hands, Feet and Heart** – a song that celebrates South African music. We will learn the words and beat to the song and work towards a performance.

SCIENCE



We are going to be working towards gaining our **Healthy Me** certificate. We will look at what we can do to stay safe and happy, understand that exercise is good for us and what kind of foods help us to stay healthy.

INFORMATION

Our PE day is **Wednesday**, and the children will continue to come into school in their PE kit for the whole day. Please remember to remove all jewellery on this day.

Reading books will be changed regularly so please make sure that your child brings their reading book and Reading Record to school every day.