

ENGLISH

Reading is a huge focus for Year 2. 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. This half term, Year 2 will be writing for a variety of purposes. We will be using prior knowledge from our Puppets topic and sewing skills to write a set of instructions and create shape poems that use shape to enhance vocabulary choices for specific themes. We will end the year with a narrative around the Polar Express! Please ensure your child brings their reading book and Reading Record into school **every day**.

PSHE

This half term we will be celebrating difference and thinking about the differences between boys and girls, why bullying happens and who to speak to when you need help.



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.



MATHS

We are continuing to develop our simple arithmetic this half term to include 'funny writing' which is vertical addition with tricky columns. This will move on to 'funny counting' with tricky columns in subtraction maths stories.

Money will be a focus and we will learn the value of British coins and how to use the correct coins for a given amount. Finally, we will be thinking about multiplication. In year 2 we concentrate on the 2-, 3-, 5- and 10-times tables and use these facts to answer maths stories.

RE

We will be answering the big question, 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?' Leading up to Christmas, we will look at people who feature in the Nativity and think about what they saw and what they heard at this special time. We will think about how the nativity is represented in homes and churches.



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!

MUSIC



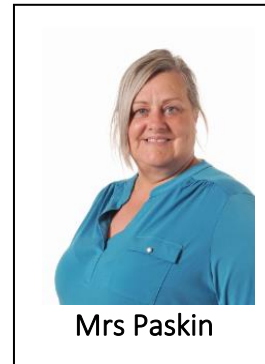
Ho, Ho, Ho! is the Christmas song that we will be learning during our music lessons, alongside learning and performing the traditional Christmas carols and the nativity songs.



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Miss Guy



Mrs Paskin

SCIENCE

Meet the Material Monster!

The focus for this half term is to identify, classify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials.

The materials monster lives on different kinds of materials, eats them, uses them, and likes to know everything about materials.

COMPUTING

We are going to be games testers this half term. We will be working out the rules for games by observing and describing carefully what happens in a game.

INFORMATION

Our PE day is **Monday**. Children should attend in full St Martin's PE kit on that day. **Please remember to remove all jewellery before entering school on PE day.**

Parents' Evening

We hope that you can join us on either Monday 18th or Tuesday 19th November to look at your child's books and to discuss their progress.