



Year 2 Autumn Term

Up, Up and Away



Welcome back to the new school year. We hope that you are well and children are looking forward to Year 2. This year we will continue teaching through an exciting, thematic approach. This allows children to make connections between areas of learning, and consolidate skills. All the themes chosen deliver the programmes of study for the National Curriculum. MFL, R.E and science will be taught discreetly.

Maths

As mathematicians in Year 2 children will be counting forwards and backwards in ones, twos, fives and tens up to 100. We will also start to count above 100. They will practise adding two numbers together (starting with counting on and moving onto partitioning) and will begin to quickly recite the number bonds to 10, 20 and 100. Children will also learn how to solve simple subtractions. They will learn the features of 2D and 3D shapes and be able to name triangles, squares, rectangles, circles, hexagons, pentagons and octagons, and will also look at how to measure length and height.

English

In English the children will be working on writing sentences using capital letters and full stops. Children will be encouraged to use conjunctions and adjectives to improve their writing. Children will begin with learning about Traditional Tales. Children will have spellings to learn on a weekly basis. Spellings will be tested and given out on a Friday.

Science

As scientists the children will find out about different materials and develop their investigative skills. They will learn about the properties of different materials and their suitability for making certain objects. Children will conduct experiments that will test the properties of materials.

PSHE

Our focus this term will be the topics: Back to school, Anti-bullying and Getting on with everyone. Children will have the opportunity to discuss opinions and feelings on starting a fresh and strategies to deal with new situation.

Religious Education

We will start the term with the unit 'Questions that puzzle us' and explore mysteries and puzzles by posing questions. Children will also retell a religious story.

Design and Technology/Art

In DT, children will be planning and creating their very own hot air balloon. In Art, the children will be focusing on the artist Jackson Pollock and using balloon art to create an abstract painting

P.E

This term there will be a focus on games. Children will be learning how to throw and catch using different apparatus.

History

In History, children will be learning about the famous explorer Steve Fossett and his adventures in a hot air balloon.



Geography

In Geography children will be learning about the countries of the UK and the different landmarks. Children will then learn about the 7 continents of the world and different weather patterns.

Music

As musicians children will be learning to recognise the different moods in a song and they will learn to accompany their songs with simple percussion instruments.

Computing

In Computing children will practise logging on and become more familiar with the keyboard. Children will make hot air balloons move using animation programs.