



## Autumn in Year 2!

Welcome to Year 2! We are looking forward to exploring the garden this half term. Our topic is 'Enchanted Garden' and we'll learn about creatures, real and imaginary, that make the garden their home. In PE we will teach multi-skills and Gymnastics. Please ensure that earrings are removed for PE lessons on Tuesdays and Fridays as this is a directive from Essex County council.

### English

We'll look at lots of stories based on gardens and the creatures that live in them. We'll use fables and stories such as 'The leaf men' and 'The Minpins' as starting points for story and letter writing. Children will continue to work on punctuating sentences with full stops and question marks and will learn to use conjunctions to extend their sentences. In phonics, children will learn to identify short and long vowel sounds in words as this will help them to apply spelling rules taught later in the year.

### Maths

In Maths our focus will be on place value. We'll start by counting and representing numbers to 100 in different ways. After, we'll move on to partitioning numbers using place value charts and Part-whole models. We'll order and compare numbers, count in twos, fives and tens and learn about odd and even numbers.

### Computing

We will start by learning how to keep ourselves safe on the internet. We will practice logging on and using search engines to help us to find information and images. We will also learn to use simple programs to create computer art and how to save and retrieve our work.



### RE

'Special Places' is our first RE topic. We'll consider places that are special to us before thinking about places where people with Christian and Jewish faiths worship.

### Science

Our focus will be living things and their habitats, we will be bug hunting and pond dipping in our outside areas. We will sort and classify the plants and animals we find. We'll learn about their basic needs and the food chains that exist in the habitats we explore.

### Geography

We will focus on the Geography of the school and the local areas. We'll learn about basic human and physical features of our area study maps and aerial photographs. We'll devise simple maps of the garden and school area, constructing our own keys using simple symbols.

### Music

In music we will work on identifying and playing rhythms and beats. We'll learn lots of musical games and perform simple chants and songs in groups, incorporating percussion instruments into our performances.

### Art and DT

We will be drawing inspiration from the natural world and making natural collages and transient art works from materials gathered from the garden. Our focus artists will be Helen Ahpornsiri and Andy Goldsworthy. We will compare and contrast their art work and imitate their styles in our own work.