



English

This half term we will focus on two types of writing; letters and recounts. Children will recount the events around the Gunpowder Plot and the Rosa Park's bus boycott. In letter writing, we will learn about the features of a letter and will write their own letters to real and imagined characters. Our letters will include the four sentence types; statement, command, question and exclamation.

PSHE

We will build on what we learned about relationships last half term by thinking about how to manage hurtful behaviour. We will think about which secrets are safe to keep and which aren't as well as discussing how we can resist pressure to behave in ways that make us feel uncomfortable. We will think about belonging to a group and the different roles and responsibilities that might come with that.

Focus Subject: History

Our theme will be 'Activists'. We will learn about significant individuals such as Rosa Parks and Emmeline Pankhurst who contributed to bringing about positive change. We will use artefacts, picture and books to answer questions about the past. We will support children to understand the chronology of events using timelines.

Maths

Children will learn different strategies for adding and subtracting ones, and then tens to a 2-digit number. We will then move on to adding multiples of ten to two digit numbers. Children will use objects and place value equipment initially and as they become confident, move on to using pictures followed by the introduction of written methods. We will also learn to recognise, name and compare 2D and 3D shapes. We will use vocabulary such as 'faces, vertices, and edges.'

Year 2

Autumn Term: Part 2

Fairness and Change

Focus Subject: Music

We will learn about the interrelated elements of music that include; rhythm, pitch, tempo and instruments, mainly focusing on rhythm and pulse. We will explore these through movement and percussion instruments. We will use the 'Rhythm Friends' characters to help us to compose and perform rhythms as a group. We will also use our voices expressively, learning and performing songs for our Christmas performance.

Science

This half term our topic is 'Uses of everyday materials'. Children will learn to identify materials and their uses. They will select materials according to their properties to build a bridge. We will conduct a simple experiment to test to compare the stretchiness of different materials and we will explore how materials can be changed by bending, twisting and squashing.

Religious Education

We will be asking the question, 'What does the Nativity story teach Christians about Jesus?' We will compare the gospels of Luke and Matthew from the Bible. We will get to know the Nativity story really well through our Christmas performance. We will consider why Jesus is important to Christians and how they show that. We will learn about advent and how Christians consider being charitable as important.

Physical Education

Gymnastics: Children will learn rolls which will be built into sequences of movements. These sequences will be performed on the floor and on apparatus.
Ball Skills: Children will learn to dribble and ball with hands and feet, demonstrating increasing control. They will send and receive balls through throwing and kicking and will roll and throw to hit a target.