

Year 2 Curriculum Map Spring 1st Half 2025

English

We will be reading and following a range of instructions texts before writing some instructions of our own. We will also read biographies that detail the lives of people who have followed their dreams, such as the pilot Amelia Earhart and the boxer Muhammed Ali. We will have a go at planning and writing biographies using time connectives and the new vocabulary we have learned through our reading.

Maths

In Maths our focus will be on money, followed by multiplication and division. We will learn the two, five, ten and three times tables, working towards quick retrieval of multiplication facts. Division will be introduced as the inverse of multiplication. Initially we will learn about division through sharing, e.g. 6 buns shared between 2 people = 3 buns each. We will then explore division as grouping. E.g. 12 buns, grouped into boxes of 4 = 3 boxes.

Science

This half term our topic is 'Animals including humans: Lifecycles.'
We will start by exploring the stages of the human lifecycle and describing the stages of life from childhood to old age. We will match offspring to their parents and learn about the lifecycles of butterflies frogs and chickens.

Personal, Social, Health Education

We will be thinking about how we keep ourselves safe in different situations,; in the home and outside. We will think about how to be safe with medicines and what to do in an emergency.

We will think about the adults who keep us safe and who to turn to if we do not feel comfortable.

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Religious Education

We will be asking the question, 'How do Christians belong to their faith family?' We will start by considering the concept of belonging and discussing the way it makes us and others feel. Children will discuss how baptisms, Christenings and Christian artefacts make Christians feel like part of a 'faith family'. Children will explore Christian symbols and their meanings, incorporating them into their own design for a Christian church.

Computing

Our main focus will be coding. Children will learn how to use programmable toys and how to create algorithms to direct on-screen sprites.

Physical Education

Target Games: Children will consider how much power to use when aiming at a target. They will develop the skill of striking a stationary and moving target using underarm and overarm throwing.

Gymnastics: Children will learn rolls which will be built into sequences of movements.

These sequences will be performed on the floor and on apparatus.

Art

Children will learn about the work of artist Keith Haring and experiment with digital art. They will make printing blocks to create their own relief prints.

Geography

Children will learn about the human and physical geography of Colchester. They will study the location, weather and landmarks of their home town.

Music

This half term we will be learning about rhythm and pulse, we will learn to find a steady beat and clap four beat rhythms.