

English and Language

Focus text: In the first half term our main story will be *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll. We will also share the Neil Gaiman book *Instructions*. Through these texts we will be learning about the grammar rules below.

Grammar:

Capital letters and full stops
Plural nouns
How to put words in alphabetical order
Verbs
Adverbs
Common nouns
Adjectives and expanded noun phrases
Commas in a list
Regular past tense

Phonics: Phonics rules will be taught through a variety of games. One rule a week will be sent home for you to practise with your child.

The children will also continue to learn **Italian** with Alice.

Dreaming Spires

Autumn term 2021

Year Two



Understanding the Arts

Art and design: We will be looking at patterns and creating our own by printing. We will be exploring texture rubbings and the technique of 'frottage.'

We will be using different gradient pencils, pastels and chalks to add tone to drawings.

In the second half of term we will learn about ceramics and start to learn techniques to use with clay.

Music: We will begin to play the recorder.

Religious Education

We will explore the question *What do Christians believe about God?* We will consider how songs can teach Christians about God, learning a few fun songs along the way to help us. We will learn about how prayer and praying can build a relationship with God. We will be celebrating Harvest Festival and later in the term we will focus on the Nativity story with the question *Why does Christmas matter to Christians?*

Mathematics

Count objects to 100
Represent numbers to 100
Recognise the place value 2 digit numbers
Compare and order numbers from 0-100
Use < > and = signs
Count in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s
Use related addition and subtraction facts
Use number facts to check calculations
Compare number sentences
Make number bonds to 100
Add and subtract 1s
Find 10 more and 10 less
Add and subtract 10s
Add 2 digit and 1 digit numbers
Subtract a 1 digit from a 2 digit number
Add 2 2 digit numbers
Subtract a 2 digit number from a 2 digit number
Add 3 1 digit numbers
Solving word problems using the bar model
Counting money, finding change

Understanding Physical Development, Health and Wellbeing

PSHE: We will be learning about different relationships. How we can spot healthy and unhealthy relationships. How to be a good friend. What to do if a friendship is making you unhappy. How to make friends and maintain friendships. How to spot and report bullying. Why name-calling, teasing, bullying and excluding others is hurtful.

PE: Wednesdays: Football with Simon
Thursdays: Karate.

Scientific and Technological Understanding

SCIENCE

Animals and healthy humans: We will be learning about growth in animals and their basic needs for survival. We will be looking at different life cycles and the importance of exercise, sleep and a healthy diet for humans.

Living things: We will be learning about microhabitats and how living things are adapted to suit these habitats. We will explore food chains and how living things depend on each other for survival.

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY: We will explore then design and create our own winding mechanisms. We will discuss how axles, axle holders and structures are used for different purposes.

COMPUTING: In our unit *What is a computer?* We will learn about the parts of a computer and how technology is used. After half term we will learn word processing skills.

Historical and Geographical Understanding

Our focus will be learning about the history and geography of Oxford, identifying key events on a timeline and how the city has changed over time. We will take a trip to St Giles' Fair, a famous Oxford event since 1625! We are hoping to visit Oxford Castle and prison as well as having a visit from the Oxford Museum in school to take part in a workshop about castles. We will use a range of resources and develop our questioning and research skills alongside map skills and local knowledge.