



ENGLISH:

We will be starting the new term with 'Writing to Entertain' through description writing. The children will be exploring the text 'Traction Man', writing descriptions of different characters and settings. They will then use their imagination to write a description of their own superhero. Story writing will also be a focus looking at the text 'Biscuit Bear' and using descriptive language to add detail to their stories. Both stories are written by Mini Grey so we will be carrying out an author study too!

In the second half of the term we will be 'Writing to Inform'. We will be writing instructions about fire safety, linking this to our topic of 'Significant People'. We will also be writing a diary entry of Guy Fawkes, recounting his gunpowder plot.

Reading:

Within literacy, reading takes place in whole class sessions and in groups. Adults will also hear your child read and discuss the content of the book with them. Please continue to hear your child read daily. Children all have their own Bug Club passwords and are encouraged to access this reading, spelling and grammar programme at home.

There will be weekly literacy homework and a weekly spelling test. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings both as words and in sentences so that they become confident applying the spelling, and that they are familiar with the meaning of the words.

TOPIC: SIGNIFICANT PEOPLE

In History we'll be learning:

- About people who made a significant impact in the past and who are remembered for different reasons. For example: Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole, Neil Armstrong, Alexander Graham Bell, Mozart and Picasso.

In Geography, we'll be learning:

- About where places are on a map and we will compare different cultures.
- About different wild life habitats and the animals that live there.

In Art we'll be using natural materials to make a collage

SCIENCE

In Science, we'll be learning:

- About the animals, plants and birds in our local environment
- About what animals need, what they eat and how they adapt to different habitats.
- About the life cycles of some animals.
- About the best condition to grow seeds.

MATHEMATICS:

Year 2 will continue to develop an understanding of number and place value. We will begin by looking at ordering numbers and number sequences.

We will use different operations such as adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing in order to solve word problems and practical problems. Children will be encouraged to decide which operation needs to be used to solve each problem, and to apply their previously learnt skills to do this as independently as possible.

We will recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables, calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division within the multiplication tables and write them using the multiplication (\times), division (\div) and equals ($=$) signs

Children will be learning to measure lengths using metres and centimetres and solve word problems,



MUSIC:

Music: Children will learn to play the recorder. We will also be exploring long and short notes through singing, composing and listening to a range of music.

PE:

PE: Children will have weekly lessons with a focus on ball skills and gym this half term. We will focus on high and low movements, travelling and balancing using apparatus in the hall. Next half term we will be learning skills for travelling and passing a ball which will involve throwing, catching, dribbling and bouncing.

PE takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please make sure your child has the correct PE kit at school.

Please ensure that your child is not wearing earrings on PE days or provide them with micro-pore tape (named) to keep them covered for safety reasons.

COMPUTING:

ICT: We will continue to use ICT to support children in their learning through our topic. The children will be learning about programming. We will create a simple programme using simple software to input sequences of instructions to programme an on screen sprite to move. Throughout the work we will discuss and emphasise the importance of e-safety.

PSHE

This term the children will be working on units called 'Health and Wellbeing and relationships'.

The children will be thinking about why rules are important at home and school. We will also think about how to treat our friends and how to resolve situations.

RE

We will be studying Judaism. We will also learn more about Harvest Time and will contribute to our own school Harvest festival. Towards the end of term we will be focusing on Christmas and Jesus' birth.

HOMEWORK

English and Maths homework will be given out weekly on Thursdays and it will be collected the following Monday. Children should be able to do this by themselves but adult supervision is highly important.

Please listen to your child read every day and leave a comment in their reading diary, even when using Bug Club.

On Fridays we will send out new spellings to learn throughout the week and these will be tested the following Friday. Encourage your child to practise the spellings every day so they can learn them quickly and use them in their writing.

A half-termly spelling overview is provided for you to go over all the spellings that we will focus on this half term.

PE

Children should have the correct PE kit so they can take part in all PE lessons. Please remove any earrings on Mondays and Wednesdays as jewellery is not allowed when doing PE.

Year 2 Dates and events

Term	Trip/event
Autumn	Tuesday 11 th September Florence Nightingale workshop
	Monday 17 th September Individual photographs
	Tuesday 16 th and Thursday 18 th October Parents Evening Harvest Festival
	October Half term Monday 22 nd – Friday 26 th October
	Thursday 20 th December Christmas Class Parties
	Friday 21 st December Break up for Christmas

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