

Year 2

English

As a school, we continue to use 'The Write Stuff' - an approach to the teaching of writing developed by Jane Constantine, which brings clarity to the mechanics of writing. Year 2 will look at a variety of genres which include narratives (The Marvellous Fluffy Itty Bitty) through to non-fiction where they will use retrieval to create a non-chronological report based on wildlife in Africa. In addition to this, the techniques of writing will be taught discretely and the technicality of writing will be explored through the writing lenses. The exploration of word class, grammar and spelling rules will help children develop independence as creative writers.

Physical Education

Year 2 will have two lessons of PE every **Tuesday** afternoon. Please ensure children are dressed in the correct attire.

- Hit, catch and run
- Gymnastics
- Send and return

Homework

Homework is set every Friday and must be handed in on a Wednesday. Every child is expected to read for at least **10 minutes** each day. Challenges will be set and monitored on TT Rockstars (the app can be downloaded for free on all electronic devices). A task linked to vocabulary and Knowledge Organisers may also be set. **Access via Google Classroom.**

French

Bon jour! During French lessons, children will participate in fun and engaging lessons where French vocabulary will be learnt. During the Spring term, children will learn consolidating their understanding of salutations and colours. These skills are then applied through our school day during registration periods.

Science, History, Geography, and DT

In Science, we are learning about plants. Our 'Big Question' is 'Can I explain how to keep a plant healthy?' Through the unit, we will build upon our prior learning and vocabulary. Many investigations will be conducted focusing on the five areas of scientific enquiry.

In Geography, we are looking at Serrekunda (a small village in Gambia). Throughout our learning journey, children will develop an understanding of geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the **United Kingdom** and that of a contrasting **non-European** country.

In History, we will be exploring who Mary Macarthur was and explore why she played such a prominent part she played in the women chain makers' strike in Cradley Heath, Staffordshire in 1910.

In Design and Technology, children will be exploring the concept templates and joining techniques. Year 2 will then design and make a functional product based on a design criterion. Watch this space to see our exciting creations come to life on Twitter! [@stmargaretsathl](https://twitter.com/stmargaretsathl)

Maths

In Year 2, we continue to focus on fluency and the rapid recall of multiples: 2s, 5s and 10s. Within our unit of multiplication and division, the children will have the opportunity to solve one-step problems by using concrete objects, pictorial representations and the use of arrays. During our properties of shape focus, children will be taught how to recognise and name common 2-D and 3-D shapes, describing their properties. Within our fractions unit, Year 2 will be taught to recognise what fractions are, find, name and write simple fractions using bar models and physical apparatus. The hands-on approach and variation in maths will ensure children are engaged and excited by the subject. Please continue to supplement your children's learning by allowing them to access Mathletics and TT Rockstars. The recognition of shape and ability to add and subtract continue to be a huge focus for all pupils in Year 2.

PSHE and RE

Religious Education

- Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?
- Why does Easter matter to Christians?

PSHE

- Dreams and Goals
- Healthy Me

Trips

Children in Year 2 will be visiting the local library on Thursday 10th March 2022. Please let the office know if you are willing to support on this visit.