

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic start to the Autumn term and are very proud of how well Year 2 have settled into their new classes. We would like to keep you informed of the exciting activities and topics we will cover this term. The curriculum overview below shows the units that will be covered for all subjects this term.

**Literacy**

In our first text this term, we will meet an Akan folktale character - Anansi the Spider. He is known as a trickster and we will find out what he gets up to in the short stories. Our second text will introduce us to Akimbo who lives on the edge of an African game reserve. Using expanded noun phrases, conjunctions and commas in a list, we will be writing our own version of Akimbo and the Elephants.

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**Computing**

We will start this term by collecting data on minibeast and taking digital photographs. Uploading these onto an editor, we will edit by using filters or cropping and then add them onto a map of the location explored.

**Maths**

Place value is our very first topic this term. We will be using a range of resources to represent numbers and understand the difference between digits in a number. We will use < > = signs to compare and order numbers up to 100. We will explore multiplication and division understanding how the commutative law affects some of the number sentences. We will explore measure through length and money by choosing and using appropriate standard units of measure. We will end the Autumn term looking at 2D and 3D shapes and identifying lines of symmetry.

**RE**

In RE, we will be exploring the story of creation in Genesis and discussing what this story tells us about God. We will discuss why God rested on the seventh day and how Christians are inspired by the story to look after the world. In Autumn 2, we will be exploring Hinduism. We will understand Hindu beliefs and explore the importance of the story Rama and Sita.

**Humanities**

In Autumn 1, we will be exploring Africa! Locating countries, we will make comparisons between their location on the continent, landscapes and human features. We will make comparisons between our lives and the lives of children in a small region of Africa. In Autumn 2, we will be meeting two very important individuals from the past: Rosa Parks and Nelson Mandela. We will be exploring their lives and the changes that they made. We will understand the impact of Apartheid Law and the effect of the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

**Science**

Autumn term for Science will all be about humans and animals. We will be exploring and comparing life cycles and classifying animals using keys. Observing fossils, we will make predictions about herbivores, omnivores and carnivores and justifying our reasons. We will create a worm farm and investigate the conditions that allow the worms to thrive. To end our Autumn term, we will look at the human body and how we can provide a healthy diet. We will explore the effect that salt has on food and how exercise affects our bodies.

**Art and Design**

In Autumn 1, we will observe sculptures created by Hank Willis Thomas and how he uses art to express themes of freedom, unity and mutual respect. We will be exploring the work of Pablo Picasso. Using warm or cold colours to reflect mood and emotion, we will use a mixture of shapes to create a cubist piece of work.

**PE**

In our PE lessons, we will be exploring movement and dance, focusing on rhythm and creating routines. In Autumn 2, we will be developing our fitness with a variety of athletics and running activities.

**PSHE**

In PSHE, we will be thinking about the British Value of democracy and what that means for us in our lives. Together, we will construct and agree to follow a set of group, class and school rules. We will discuss communication: how we can communicate our feelings appropriately and recognise how our behavior can affect other people.

**Music**

In music, we will be exploring the history of music.. The children will listen to different musical extracts and explore how they make us feel and they will have the opportunity to investigate medieval instruments.

	Additional information	Date set/Date Due
<b>Spellings</b>	Both Year 2 classes have indoor PE on Tuesday and Outdoor PE on Wednesday. It is important that your child comes into school with the correct kit.	Thursday/Tuesday
<b>Maths</b>	Your child's maths teacher sets a piece of online homework on the MyMaths website: <a href="https://www.mymaths.co.uk/">https://www.mymaths.co.uk/</a>	Thursday/Tuesday
<b>Literacy</b>	Your child's literacy teacher sets a piece of online homework on the EducationCity website: <a href="https://ec1.educationcity.com">https://ec1.educationcity.com</a> .	Thursday/Tuesday
<b>Reading-levelled text</b>	A book will be given each week relevant to the reading level of your child. If your child finishes their book before the hand in date, please record any other texts your child reads in their journal. This could also be a magazine or newspaper.	Thursday/Tuesday
<b>Homework projects</b>	There will also be an optional termly homework project set. This is a perfect opportunity to complete a piece of work with your child based on the topic they will be learning.	Termly

The Year 2 Team would like to thank you for your support,

Yours Sincerely

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