

# Year Two Spring Curriculum Overview



## Literacy

In **Literacy**, we are focusing on developing children's story writing, poetry and explanation skills. Children are learning about planning and structuring a story with a clear beginning, middle and ending. We are encouraging them to develop a plot through characters that encounter a problem and then work towards a resolution as the story unfolds. We will also be reading and writing information texts and examining key features of non-fiction. There will be opportunities to learn about use of pattern and rhyme in poetry. Children will also include work called VCOP work which stands for:

- **VOCABULARY:** using a broad vocabulary and making good word choices
- **CONNECTIVES:** linking sentences with connectives such as but, until, although, if, when
- **OPENERS:** varying sentence openings
- **PUNCTUATION:** ensuring that children are using a range of punctuation accurately.

If you come across an exciting new word in your reading, please bring it in to be displayed on our 'Wow Words Wall'. Other children may be able to use it too!

## Numeracy

In **Numeracy**, we are focusing on the core number skills of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division while developing children's understanding of place value. We are problem solving, developing reasoning skills and encouraging children to explain how they worked out solutions. Work on shape and space and handling data will be ongoing throughout the term. You can help your child at home by continuing to go over their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and also giving them questions on addition and subtraction in order for them to become faster at this. This term they will work on 3, 4 and 6 times tables at school.

## Science

In our **Science** lessons this term we will be looking at different materials to exploring their textures and characteristics. Children will be learning about waterproof, bendy, solids and liquids. We will also be learning about variations in humans and animals and how they adapt to their habitats. Children will be learning about the different stages of life and comparing characteristics.



## ICT

**ICT** skills continue to be taught and used across the subject areas. Specific ICT skills related to 'finding and presenting information' through the use of non-fiction texts, the internet, search engines, Powerpoint and Publisher software.



## PHSE

In our **PHSE** lessons children will be covering work on people who help us and how to respect them and learning to be grateful for everything we have. We will also focus on how to make the right choices in varying situations.



## Geography

In our **Geography** lessons this term we will be exploring the importance of our eyes and how they are used in order to view the world around us. We will look at different authors in Literacy and explore where they are from as well as explore the ways in which we can take care of our eyes. Children will get a chance to explore the different lifestyles in other countries around the globe.



## PE

In our **PE** lessons children will learn to understand the importance of a warm up and a cool down and design their own. They will create and perform gym sequences, take part in team games. They will also learn how to be tactful in invasion games.

## Art & Design

In our **Art & Design** lessons children will be exploring how to create observation drawings using shading skills. Their design lessons will include planning and designing a puppet as well as finishing off sewing and decorating their bags.

