

Year 2 Curriculum: Summer 1

English

In English, we will be reading *The Tear Thief* by Carol Ann Duffy and the children will be writing instructions and a new part to the story. They will complete some cross-curricular writing about planning seeds. It is really important that with every piece of writing the children produce, their spelling, handwriting, sentence structure and overall content continues to improve. Writing must be coherent and have an audience and purpose in mind. Children must also be able to read their work back and make any corrections and improvements that are needed. Handwriting has really improved a lot in English but we need to see this standard of writing across the curriculum and in all other books.



Maths

Maths lessons this half term will be very busy with children learning about:

- Telling the time
- Fractions
- Measuring capacity
- Statistics
- Position and Direction

As well as working on these units, we will be spending lots of time recapping key concepts and facts from earlier units such as place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and dividing, shape maths problems). This will help consolidate learning and support any earlier misconceptions that the children may have had earlier in the year as well as helping prepare them for KS1 assessments at the end of the year.



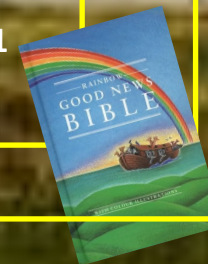
Science

Year Two will become scientists when they learn about plants. They will examine seeds and carry out tests to see which conditions are needed for growth.



RE

In RE, Year Two will explore the Good News that Christians say Jesus brings. This will include looking at Bible stories and the people who Jesus chose to help as well as working on themes such as forgiveness and making links between what Jesus did and how Christians might live their lives now.



Personal Development — SMSC

Personal development this half term will focus on Extremism, Loss, Stranger danger, Inspirational Figures and Stereotypes. As always, we will also adapt our curriculum in personal development depending on the news around us and personal and social needs of the children in Year Two.

Topic (Geography)

Children will learn about who James Cook was and where he went. They will learn about the physical and human geography of places in Australia and compare cultural differences between the life of an Australian child with their own. aspects of it with the North East.



PE

This half term, Year Two are really lucky to be taking part in cricket coaching with James from Durham County Cricket Club. In addition to this, PE will continue with Mrs Davies who will be working on co-ordination skills such as sending and receiving (a ball) and agility skills of reacting and responding. Both PE and cricket coaching will take place every Wednesday this half term.

I must just say how lovely and smart Year Two look in their black kits. PE will continue to be every Wednesday this term.

If you need a reminder: PE kit consists of:

black tracksuit/leggings/joggers/shorts,
black hoodie or jumper for colder months.

plain blue t-shirt, trainers (preferably waterproof ones that children can fasten.

Football strips are not allowed.

Art

Children will use maps as a stimulus for crafts and design activities such as felt-making, printing, abstract stained glass pictures and drawing.



Music

In music, children will be focusing initially on Musicianship and notation through songs about Goldilocks and The Gruffalo.

Computing — Scratch Junior

Children will be completing a computer science block this term which will involve the app Scratch Junior. They will investigate movement commands such as forwards, backwards and turn before creating their own algorithm for moving around the playground. Finally, the children will video their travel algorithms before turning those algorithms into a code.



Key dates—Summer Term

Friday 26th May: Break up for half term.

Bank holidays: Monday 30th April and
Monday 8th May.

Wednesday June 19th : Sunderland Sings
(details to follow)

Friday July 12th: Reports home

Thursday July 18th : Break up

Uniform and equipment

Please ensure your child has a water bottle (water only) everyday — especially as the weather improves and we have lots of thirsty children coming in after play times.

Water bottles should not be kept in the same bags as reading books. If you require a plastic packet for your child's reading book, please let me know and I will get one for you.

Please also help your child learn to fasten and unfasten coat and shoelaces independently.

All cardigans/jumpers should be named — again as the temperature warms up, children take things off and it is so easy for them to go missing.

Jewellery is not permitted.

Ways to help your child.

Reading: Thank you to those parents who continue to read with their child and ensure reading books come in to school everyday. It really makes a huge difference to their overall progress when children read regularly and enjoy other books at home for pleasure.

Spellings: Spellings will continue. Below are some Youtube links to help read KS1 Common Exception word.

Maths: Please encourage your child to notice grams and kilograms on food packaging, ml and L on drinks and toiletry bottles and please also talk to them about telling the time using an analogue clock. It makes an enormous difference to their understanding of new concepts such as time, when they have already had experiences of minutes and hours at home.

Other homework: Any homework will focus on basic skills such as grammar, punctuation and spelling as well as maths skills to keep knowledge fresh in preparation of end of KS1 assessments. Y2 Maths booster will start this term - I will contact parents directly if this involves your child.

The children love playing Numbots and it has made a real difference to confidence levels and recall of number facts. Please let me know if your child needs a log in.

1-Minute Maths from White Rose is also a great free app which supports the curriculum that we teach in our school. You also can find lots of maths games at

www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7years/counting

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cj0MvrWBbSY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kq4rDi2CigU>

Our school website has a list of other useful websites that contain games and activities to help consolidate learning.

www.eppletonacademyprimary.co.uk