

# Curriculum Newsletter



## Year 2 Summer Term 1

The teachers in Year 2 this term are:

- Miss Oakley
- Mrs Jassal



### English



This half term in Reading, we will be studying *Traction Man* by Mini Grey. Through this engaging and imaginative text, the children will develop their skills in inference, description, and explanation. They will explore characters, settings, and events in greater depth, taking part in discussions that encourage them to justify their ideas and think creatively about the story.

In our writing lessons, we will focus on creating persuasive adverts for *Traction Man*, considering the use of exciting vocabulary and techniques to engage the reader. The children will then design and create their own toys inspired by the book and write their own adverts to promote them. Throughout this work, there will be a strong focus on developing key writing skills, including the use of a variety of sentence types, conjunctions to extend ideas, expanded noun phrases to add detail, and adverbial phrases to provide further description.

Alongside this, we will be studying the poem *The Magic Box* by Kit Wright. Children will explore the language and structure of the poem and use it as inspiration to write their own imaginative poetry, drawing on their senses and creativity.

### Assembly Themes

Our assemblies this half term will focus on our CARE values.



### Science



In Science, the children will be learning about different materials and their uses. They will explore a range of everyday materials, identifying their properties and discussing why certain materials are suitable for specific purposes. Through practical investigations, the children will develop their scientific enquiry skills by observing, testing, and recording their findings. They will sort and classify materials based on their properties, such as whether they are hard or soft, waterproof or absorbent, and consider how these properties make them useful in different contexts.

### Maths



In Maths, the children will continue to build on their understanding of multiplication and division through the use of practical equipment and hands-on activities. They will explore concepts using arrays to help visualise equal groups and develop a deeper understanding of how multiplication and division are related. There will be a strong focus on improving the children's rapid recall of the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables, helping them to become more fluent and confident in their calculations.

In addition, the children will begin to develop their foundational understanding of fractions.

### Geography

**How does Birmingham compare to Sydney?**



In Geography, the children will be comparing the city of Birmingham with Sydney. They will develop their map skills by locating both places on a map and identifying key features using atlases and digital maps. The children will explore similarities and differences between the two locations, including climate, physical features (and human features). They will also learn about famous landmarks in each city and consider how these contribute to their identity and tourism.

### Art



In Art, the children will be exploring 3D sculpture, with a particular focus on working with clay. They will learn how to use a range of clay tools safely and effectively, as well as developing techniques such as rolling, shaping, and joining. The children will experiment with manipulating clay in different ways, including pinching, coiling, and smoothing, to create a variety of forms and textures.

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Year 2 will be supported by:

- Mrs Gearing
- Mrs Westwood
- Mrs Brown



### Experiences

\* 16th April—Severn Trent Water Workshop



### PE



This half term, 2J will be focusing on net and wall games whilst 2O will be developing their skills in athletics. Year 2 will have PE every Friday.

#### PE Kit

- plain white t-shirt
- plain black shorts or black tracksuit bottoms
- Plain black hoodie (with or without school logo)
- Plain trainers
- no jewellery

If children cannot take out their own stud earrings, we politely ask that these are removed before the start of the school day.

### Music



This half term, the children will continue to develop their recorder-playing skills. They will learn how to play new notes and practise performing more complex tunes.

### RE



In RE, the children will continue to develop their understanding of Islam. They will build on their knowledge of the Five Pillars of Islam, exploring their importance and how they guide the beliefs and actions of Muslims. Through discussion and reflection, they will deepen their respect and understanding of different beliefs and ways of life.

### PSHE



In PSHE, the focus this half term will be on relationships. The children will explore different types of relationships, including friendships and family relationships, and consider what makes these positive and healthy. They will learn strategies for resolving conflict, including how to communicate their feelings respectfully and listen. We will also discuss how we celebrate relationships, develop empathy, and understanding the importance of kindness.

### Home Learning

Homework will be shared with the children at the start of the half term. They will be asked to complete a project and share it with the class in the final week of this half term.

In between, we are actively encouraging all children to be reading at home and logging into TTRockstars and Numbots as often as possible.

***'Reading is the gateway for children that makes all other learning possible.'***

**Barak Obama**

We love to hear about what you've been reading, and see that Reading Records are being used to record reading moments.



### Mastering Number

# 123

We will be using our understanding of numbers to 20 and their value, to develop our arithmetic skills, with a particular focus on subtraction.