

TOPIC: Street Detectives

This term we will be learning about how our community has changed over time. We will also be looking at maps of the local area, planning our own maps and learning about how we can make our community a better place.

ICT

This term, the children will be learning how to code. Using coding, the children will begin to design their own computer games using Purple Mash.

PE (Wednesdays and Fridays)

Gymnastics: We will master basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching, as well as developing co-ordination.

Music

The children will begin to work with our singing expert Karen every Wednesday morning. The children will be learning a range of songs focusing on rhythm.

SCIENCE: Materials

Prepare to get MESSY!
We will investigate materials, sorting them into categories and discovering different uses for various materials.

We will plan and carry out investigations based on what we have learned so far.

RE

We will explore the many new beginnings each day offers. Discover how God is present in every new beginning. Learn how God was there at the beginning of the world and how it is good to begin the day with a prayer. We will learn that a psalm is a song of praise to God, how God is always close and we will remember, celebrate and respond to the many new beginnings each day offers and that God is present at every beginning.

PSHE

Pupils will share their views and opinions on things which matter to them, providing some evidence to support.

Welcome to Year 2!

Take a look and see what we are doing this term. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or queries.

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MATHS

Using the Inspire Maths Scheme we will be learning numbers to 1000, Addition and Subtraction within 1000, using Models for Addition and Subtraction and beginning to learn Multiplication and Division.

LITERACY

Stories with familiar settings- we will start the year by exploring different settings in stories and writing descriptive sentences and character descriptions.

Then, we will be writing instructions using imperative verbs and cohesive devices. We will look at some silly poetry to keep us entertained!

Grammar- we will be learning to use prefixes and suffixes in words such as **unhappy**, **joyful**. We will also look at the use of different words to connect and extend sentences such as 'and, but, because'.
Spelling- We will be learning new spelling patterns to develop our writing skills and vocabulary.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please take the time to read your child's newsletter as it contains lots of useful information about the forthcoming weeks.

Behaviour policy- Throughout the school, a traffic light system is used to reinforce good behaviour. If a child is placed on amber or red throughout the week for poor behaviour, golden time is reduced appropriately. Parents will be informed if poor behaviour persists.

Homework - The children will be given a piece of literacy and numeracy homework (and occasionally foundation subjects) each week to consolidate/reinforce what they have been working on in class. This will let you know what your child has been learning that week and I would ask you to contact me, at any time, if you have any concerns with the homework. Homework will be sent out on a **Friday** and should be returned to school the following **Wednesday**. We will also be continuing with our half term creative projects linked to our topic.

Please try and read with your child at least 3 times a week at home.

Uniform - A reminder that jewellery should not be worn at any time for health and safety reasons but small studs are permitted. Shaved heads, nail varnish and tattoos are also prohibited. Please ensure your child's name is on every item of clothing.

PE - Please ensure a full PE kit is provided including black/navy shorts, white, plain T-shirt and black plimsolls. Names must be in every garment to prevent loss. P.E. will take place on a **Wednesday** and **Friday**.

KS1 SATs- This year, all year two children will take **SATS** in reading, SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and maths which will be carried out in May. We will be holding a meeting this term which we encourage you to attend. This meeting will help to give you an understanding of the tests that the children will be undertaking and how you can support your child in the run up to these tests. More information about the meeting will be sent out closer to the time.

A member of staff will be present on the school yard each morning to discuss any issues and pass on messages to other staff members. Please do not hesitate to contact us, if you have any further questions or concerns.

Thanks you for your support,

Miss Bostock and Mrs Micallef