

Topic – London

Our topic this term will be all about our capital city, London. In the first half term we will locate geographical features such as human landmarks, transport and the physical features that appear in the city.

We then move on to our history topic—all about Bonfire Night and the Great Fire of London, finding out what caused the fire and how it changed the fire service that we see today.



Our Art and DT projects this term will link to this topic. In Art, we will be drawing landmarks found in London using sketching pencils. In our mechanics unit of DT, children will be design and making a moving vehicle linked to London.



Our PSHE topics for this term will be Back to School, Getting on with everyone and Dealing with feelings.

English

This term, we will be exploring The Smartest Giant in Town by Julia Donaldson, The Twits by Roald Dahl and Fire Cat by Pippa Goodhart. We will be writing different genres of writing relating to these stories including a character description, diary entry, setting description and a wanted poster. We will also be writing a persuasive leaflet relating to our London topic and creating our own poem based on The Magic Box poem.

When exploring each text, we will be continuing to answer questions relating to the key reading skills (FIRECUP).

Science

We will be learning about materials in our science lessons; the uses of everyday materials and about the suitability of different materials for their purpose.

We will be setting up experiments over the term to answer scientific questions such as 'How stretchy is a Curly Wurly?'



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Newsletter – Autumn Term 2025

Year 2

Welcome to the Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter. This is a summary of the learning planned for the Autumn Term.

If you have any concerns about your child's learning please contact Mrs Luscombe or Miss Warrilow directly, in the first instance.

Spellings will be tested each Thursday. You will receive a spelling booklet for this term shortly.

Maths

Over the Autumn Term, we will begin by consolidating some of the key Year 1 number objectives. This will give the children a solid foundation and build their confidence before beginning the Year 2 curriculum.

The curriculum this term will include calculations within 20 and adding and subtracting within ten, before moving on to adding and subtracting two digit numbers.

Towards the end of the term, we will introduce the children to multiplication.

The class will also take part in separate mastering numbers lessons to improve their number fluency.

Club sheets will continue to be tested each week.

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PE

Year 2 will have PE on Monday and Friday.

Our topics this term are Orienteering and Fundamentals of Movement.

Please ensure children have red and black PE kits in school for both lessons and please remove any earrings on these days.

We will be outside for these lessons so children are welcome to wear trainers instead of pumps if they wish.

Computing

Over the Autumn term we will be teaching the children about digital literacy and computer science, beginning with digital music and moving on to digital photography.

We will discuss online safety throughout the term, ensuring children feel safe online and know who they can discuss their concerns with, as well as sharing top tips with parents and carers at home.

RE

In the first half term we will be focussing on the big question 'Who made the world?' by exploring creation and how the creation story fits into the big picture.

This will lead on to the second half term 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?' We will reflect on the birth of Jesus and the significance of Christmas. We will have lots of fun making Christmas cards and singing hymns and carols.

Diary Dates

06.10.25 Individual photos
18.11.25 Y2 Mastering number workshop
10.12.25 EYFS/KS1 Christmas production

Year 2

Core Story Books – Autumn Term



Mr Majeika

by Humphrey Carpenter



We're All Wonders

by R.J. Palacio



The Worries: Sohal Finds a Friend

by Jion Sheibani



We All Celebrate!

by Chitra Soundar



Tiger, Tiger, Burning Bright!

by Fiona Waters

A River

by Marc Martin



My Name is Not Refugee

by Kate Milner



Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure

by Alex T. Smith

