

Reading

This term, we will be focusing a lot on phonics. We will be making sure that all children can read Set 1 and Set 2 sounds, segmenting and blending them. You can help at home by ensuring your child reads Story Green words and Red words, so they become more fluent at reading. Please hear your child read their reading book at least three times a week and ask questions about the text. Can your child read Year 1 tricky words?

Writing

We are going to use our phonics to practise name writing and simple sentences. We will be working on correct letter formation, using full stops, and capital letters to write simple sentences.

You can support by helping your child to form letters correctly, hold a pencil properly, and spell CVC/CVCC words using sounds that they know. Please encourage your child to complete writing tasks using pre-cursive handwriting.

Maths

We are going to focus on developing the children's understanding of adding and subtraction within 10. The children will learn to add and subtract practically using concrete objects and mentally. They will use + and - operations to solve problems. The children will use practical resources to help them solve problems and recognise 2D shapes.

You can help at home by making sure your child can count, read and write numbers to 20. Can you find 2D shapes in the environment and at home?



Curriculum Overview Year 1 – Autumn 2025

Topic – Me and My World

Staff: Miss Ismail, Mrs Choudhury

RE and PSHE

This term in PSHE, we will be using a mindfulness approach, thinking about how we can be successful and achieve our goals. In RE, we will be looking at how we can be modest and listen to others. We will also discuss how we express joy and celebrate different festivals e.g. Harvest, Diwali and Christmas.

P.E. PLEASE WEAR PE KITS ON MONDAY and FRIDAY

Computing

In computing, we will be using Kapow and our focus will be to improve mouse skills. We will learn how to log in and navigate around a computer, developing mouse skills, learning how to drag, drop, click and control a cursor to create works of art inspired by Kandinsky and self-portraits.

History and Geography

In geography, our topic is 'Home Sweet Home'. We will learn about the weather forecast and symbols. We will learn to name and locate our local town and we will describe its human and physical geography. Does your child know the name of our city?

In history, the children will discuss the differences between when their grandparents were children and their lives now. We will also learn about the life of the King, Can your child discuss past, present and future?

Science

This half term, we will be learning about the seasons and how our local environment changes in Autumn. We will also explore the weather by measuring things like rain and wind, using tools we make ourselves. You can discuss seasonal changes in Autumn at home. Take a walk in Aston Park with your family, and collect leaves and conkers.

Art and DT

In art, we will be exploring a British artist, Andy Goldsworthy, and his sculptures and photography. In DT, the children will be investigating what hand and finger puppets are and how they work. They will use a pre-cut template of fabric for the base of their puppet. The children will practise running stitch and over stitch to sew their puppets. You can help by watching a puppet show at home.

Reading

This half term, we will be exploring a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts, such as *The Dragon Machine*. We will deepen our understanding of new vocabulary, explore the author's choices and retrieve information from the text.

You can help at home by ensuring your child watches Read Write Inc videos.

Please hear your child read their reading book three times a week and ask questions about the text. Practise reading their home reader book fluently with expression.

Writing

We will be working on our sentence formation, spelling and grammar. This will include using full stops, question marks and capital letters accurately, adding adjectives for effect, and choosing verbs for a purpose. We are also working on cursive handwriting and practicing this daily.

You can help at home by practising spelling the Year 2 Common Exception words and encouraging your child to practise their handwriting.

Maths

We are going to focus on developing the children's understanding of number and place value. The children will recognise numbers to 100 and partition numbers in different ways. The children will learn to add and subtract 2 and 3 digit numbers practically, using concrete objects and mentally. They will use + and - operations to solve problems.

You can help at home by making sure your child can count, read and write numbers to 100.



Curriculum Overview Year 2 - Autumn 2025

Topic : Once Upon a Castle

Staff: Miss Queen, Mrs Gill and Mrs Begum

RE and PSHE

This term in PSHE, we will be using a mindfulness approach to thinking about being me in my world and celebrating difference.

In RE, we will be looking at why there are rules; how rules help people and why religious people follow rules

Computing

In computing, Year 2 will use Kapow and we will find out what is a computer. We will learn how to use the mouse, keyboard and monitor. The children will recognise that technology follows instructions and identify different forms of technology. We will also discuss online safety.

History and Geography

We are going to be looking at castles throughout history - who lived there and why. We will explore the changes in castles and how they were used at different times. We will look at castles around the UK and discover the human and physical features surrounding castles. In our geography lessons, we looking at the four countries of the UK, learning the UK capital cities and exploring the geographical features of Europe.

You can help at home by researching castles and looking at maps of the UK and the continent of Europe.

Science

This term, we will be exploring different materials. We will test the effectiveness of properties in different investigations.

We will learn technical vocabulary and be able to use them to explain our findings.

You can help your child by talking about different materials in the environment.

The Arts

We will be learning how to create different patterns and using a number of printing techniques to create our very own castle painting. In DT we will be making catapults!

You can help at home by looking at different patterns you can spot in your surroundings.

P.E: PLEASE WEAR PE KITS ON WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

Reading

This half term, we will be looking at the key reading domains for Key Stage 2. We will be focusing on the vocabulary the author has used and the impact this has on the reader. We will summarise key events within a text and make informed predictions.

Encourage your child to read at home for 15 minutes a day. Can they retell the main events of their book to you? Can they discuss new words they have read and find their meanings?



Curriculum Overview Year 3 - Autumn 1 2025

Topic : Tomb Raiders - Ancient Egypt

Staff: Miss Walters, Ms. Seymour,
Miss Clue

History and Geography

This half term, we will be focusing more on the history of ancient Egypt. We will look at pharaohs, gods and goddesses, the social structure of Egypt and the discoveries of the famous archaeologist Howard Carter.

You can help at home by encouraging your child to research Egypt and its ancient history. Perhaps you could visit a local library to find out more.

Writing

This term, we are focusing on writing sentences with the correct punctuation, using the correct tense and using expanded noun phrases for a purpose. We are embedding our handwriting and practising this daily.

You can help at home by practising the Year 3 spellings and encouraging your child to write. They could keep a diary for example.

RE and PSHE

Our PSHE topic is 'Being me in My world', so we will be looking at our goals and achievements, and how we can face new challenges positively. In RE, we will be learning about different religions from around the world. We will explore learn stories from different faith traditions and explore what Christmas means to Christians.

Modern Foreign Languages

In French this half term, children will be learning how to greet each other, how to count to 20 and the names of different colours.

Science

In science, we are learning about rocks. We'll be carrying out a range of investigations and experiments to explore types of rocks and their properties. Then we will look at the information rocks give us about our land.

Explore naming rocks and how they are formed - can you find out what igneous rocks are?

Maths

We will be looking at place value, focusing on hundreds, tens and ones. We will learn how to add and subtract 3-digit numbers. Children will also be counting in 3s and 4s and 8s.

You can help at home by practising counting forwards and backwards in 3s, 4s and 8s. You can also help your child to practise their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

P.E PLEASE WEAR PE KITS ON MONDAYS and TUESDAYS

This Autumn term, we will be covering a range of skills in football, basketball and gymnastics in PE.

ICT

We will deliver computing lessons using iPads. Children will develop confidence when using technology. We will also explore how to stay safe online.

The Arts

In art we will be creating sculptures inspired by ancient Egyptian artwork.

In DT, we will be looking at clasps and hinges to make a working sarcophagus. During our DT week later this term, we will be using a variety of materials to make our own sarcophagus.

You can help by researching Egyptian sarcophagi at home.

Reading

We are going to deepen our comprehension skills by looking at hidden meaning within texts (inference). We are also going to look carefully at vocabulary choices the author has made, and the skill of summarizing key events in longer texts. Our texts this half term will be focusing on the vocabulary, how to infer meaning, and retrieving answers from a text.

You can help at home by ensuring that your child reads their book for 15 minutes each day. Can your child read 120 words per minute?

Writing

We are going to be writing fiction and non-fiction texts, developing skills in:

- Careful planning and organization of text
- Fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and using paragraphs
- Using , ? ! accurately
- Selecting vocabulary carefully
- Proof reading and editing

You can help at home by practising cursive handwriting and learning the Year 3 and 4 statutory spellings

Maths

We are going to focus on place value and revising methods for $+$ $-$ \times and division. This half term we will be focusing on multiplication and division first

You can help at home by making sure your child can quickly recall their times table facts, number bonds to 100 ($43 + 57$ etc) and understand the place values of numbers up to 9,999



Curriculum Overview Year 4 – Autumn 2025

A Land of Stone and Iron

Staff Mrs. L Howarth, Miss K Walsh, Mrs S Parveen Mrs N Kaur

RE and PSHE

This term in PSHE, we will be using a mindfulness approach to thinking about being me in my world and celebrating difference. There will also be sessions on how understanding that everyone is unique can help with respecting others and not discriminating for any reason.

Modern Foreign Languages

Bonjour! In French we will be revising greetings and basic questions we use to get to know others. We will also be looking at different foods, colours, the names of clothing items, and how to describe ourselves.

P.E PLEASE WEAR PE KITS ON Monday and Friday

We are going to be learning the skills and knowledge needed for Basketball and Football this term.

ICT

We will have a key focus on E-Safety as part of ICT; we will be focusing on safe internet use and what search results mean. We will also be developing basic word processing skills in writing.

History and Geography

We will be covering two eras in history, the Iron Age and the Stone Age, looking at what life was like in Britain during those periods and at what archaeological evidence has been left behind.

In geography, we are learning about the United Kingdom and the physical features of the island, including major rivers and cities.

Science

We will be learning about humans and other animals; we will find out how they digest food, from the different types of teeth they use to what our digestive system does with food.

We will also be learning about 'Humans and other Animals,' building on previous knowledge to look at how animals are categorised.

The Arts

In the arts, we will be learning about texture and colour in our weekly art skills lessons. During art week, we will be creating weaving that will use the skills we have learned. We will be incorporating digital photographs and finding out about Nilupa Yasmin, a Birmingham based artist.

In music, we will be learning to play the drums (Bronze) and the guitar (Ochre). This is being taught by Birmingham Music Service and being supervised by school staff.

Reading

Reading will be linked to our topic (Vikings), and we will be focusing on understanding words in context, finding and retrieving information from the text and inferring actions from clues picked up throughout the piece. We will be focusing on the book *Shield Maiden*.

You can help at home by ensuring that your child reads their book for 15 minutes each day and record this in their Reading Diary. Can your child read 120 words per minute?

Writing

We are ensuring that children are secure with the following grammatical functions:

- Writing sentences that open with the present or past particular phrase.
- Write new paragraph for new speaker in narratives.
- Opening sentences with a subordinate clause, followed by a main clause.

We shall then apply these features in a narrative, based on the Anglo-Saxon poem, *Beowulf*.

Maths

We are going to focus on place value, four operations, and fractions. We will be investigating equivalent fractions, improper fractions and mixed numbers. Then we will learn how to solve questions by simplifying, adding, subtracting and multiplying.

You can help at home by ensuring that your child knows all of the times tables (up to 12x12) as well as the related division facts. Encourage them to log on to IT Rock Stars daily.



Curriculum Overview Year 5 – Autumn 2025 'Raiders of the North' Vikings

Mr Bayley and Miss Bashir

RE and PSHE

This half term, we will be thinking about our dreams and goals and how we might need money to help achieve some of them. We will reflect on the types of job we would like when we are older. We will look at similarities and differences between our goals and someone from a different culture.

Modern Foreign Languages

Bonjour! In French we will be revising greetings and basic questions we use to get to know others. We will also be learning everyday nouns and verbs phrases and learning sentences to use at different places like the doctors.

PE

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY: PLEASE WEAR PE KITS

We are going to focus on Handball; throwing, catching, positioning, understanding rules and teamwork are key!

ICT

We will have a key focus on E-Safety as part of ICT. We will deliver ICT each week using Ipads covering coding, media and music.

History and Geography

In history, we will be learning about the Vikings. We will look at reasons why the Vikings invaded and what life was like for different people. We will look at how they shaped and influenced Britain's future.

In Geography, we will be focusing on the geography of Scandinavian countries and comparing this with the UK. We will look at physical and human geography as well as considering cultural similarities and differences.

You can also help your child to locate Scandinavian countries on a map using Google Earth.

Science

We will explore materials and their properties, comparing and grouping materials. We will test for hardness, transparency, and conductivity, and investigate how materials change. Through fun experiments, we will discover which materials are best for different uses and why some changes can't be reversed.

You can help at home by looking at different materials in the environment and talk about why they are suitable.

The Arts

For art, we will be creating sculptures - Viking inspired clay pots. We will be looking at various techniques, including coil pots and pinch pots. We will decorate our pots by carving patterns and motifs inspired by Viking pottery.

In music, we will be following the Charanga teaching scheme looking at different aspects of music and how it is played. We will learn how to use our glockenspiels and will learn new songs.

Reading

Reading will be linked to our topic (WWII), and we will be focusing on understanding words in context, finding and retrieving information from the text and inferring actions from clues picked up throughout the piece. We will be focusing on the book *Letters from the Lighthouse* amongst other texts to prepare children for their KS2 assessments in May.

You can help at home by ensuring that you listen to your child read daily and asking questions to check they understand what they have read.

Writing

Children will be focusing on narrative writing in the form of a 'rags to riches' tale. This will involve a focus on the range of Year 6 SPAG and language features, in order that we can gauge their current understanding as a baseline to move forward from.

Mathematics

We shall be starting to investigate place value and associated topics such as rounding and estimating. This will give the children a great base to build upon for the remainder of the year.

You can help at home by ensuring that your child knows all of the times tables (up to 12x12). Encourage them to log on to TT Rock Stars and play daily.



Curriculum Overview Year 6 - Autumn 2025

Topic: World War Two

Staff: Miss Morton, Mr Freeman, Miss Noreen, Mr James

RE and PSHE

This term in PSHE, we will be using a mindfulness approach to thinking about our dreams and goals for the future. There will also be sessions on how understanding that everyone is unique can help with respecting others and not discriminating for any reason.

Modern Foreign Languages

The children will continue to study French by consolidating the vocabulary they learned in Y5 and extending that by incorporating phrases that can be used in various shops and settings in French speaking towns and cities.

**P.E PLEASE WEAR PE KITS ON TUESDAY (Teal swimming kits)
A SECOND PE SESSION WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY FOR
EMERALD AND FRIDAY FOR TEAL**

PE will see Year 6 explore invasion games and the skills and strategies relating to them. They will be working with an external coach to explore these skills in the sessions.

ICT

We will be looking at Internet safety and basic computing skills during our ICT sessions, which will take place on a Friday afternoon.

History and Geography

We will be studying the causes and key elements of the conflict, with a focus on life on the 'Home Front' in Britain.

We will be linking this with the human and physical geography of the war, as well as using technology to enhance our understanding of the world. Additionally, we will learn about and practise using six-figure grid references and using them to describe locations on a map.

You can help at home by watching:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i234eVT_P

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7e5oygzUrs4>

Science

We shall be learning all about electricity, its uses and associated vocabulary. Embedded into this will be a focus on renewable and non-renewable energy and sustainability.

The Arts

We will be learning how to create different patterns and using a number of printing techniques relating to mudcloth patterns and African art.