



# Year 2 curriculum newsletter — Autumn 2024

Our themes this term are: 'Marvellous monarchs' and 'A world of materials'

## Books we will be learning about

- Autumn 1** – The Bear and the Piano – *David Litchfield*  
 – Wolves – *Emily Gravett*
- Autumn 2** – Goldilocks and the Three Bears – *Lauren Child*  
 – If All the World Were – *Joseph Coelho*



## English

This term in English, we will be improving our descriptive writing using adjectives and similes. Using these texts as inspiration, we will write character descriptions, setting descriptions and narratives. We will also identify the types of language and features used in different poems.

## Maths

**Place Value** – We will be focusing on the place value of numbers up to 100. We will be learning to partition these numbers in different ways e.g. tens and ones.

**Addition and subtraction** – The main focus of this unit will be on adding and subtracting single digit numbers and two-digit numbers from two-digit numbers.



## Science

**Animals including humans: Growth** – We will learn about animals' basic needs for survival and the importance of exercise, nutrition and hygiene for humans.

**Uses of everyday materials** – In this unit, we will identify different everyday materials e.g. wood, plastic and metal and explore whether they are suitable for different purposes.



## RE

**The Lord's prayer** – We will learn about the meaning of each part of the prayer and explore the reasons why Jesus taught this prayer to his followers.

**Light at Christmas** – We will look at the symbolism of light at Christmas, including the features of the Christingle.



## Art and Design Technology

**Design Technology: Balanced Diet** – We will be identify and exploring the main food groups. Using this knowledge, we will design and make wraps.

**Design Technology: Structures** – We will explore different man-made and natural structures. Using suitable materials and constructions techniques, we will build our own structures.



## History – 'What is a monarch?'

We will learn about the role of monarchs and how it has changed across history. We will explore the historical importance of Norman castles and identify how these castles are similar and different to castles today.



## Geography – 'Why is our world wonderful?'

In this topic, we will start by learning the different characteristics of the UK and locate these on a map. Following that, we will look at world maps and identifying different human and



## Computing

**Making Music** – We will use PurpleMash on iPads to explore, edit and combine different sounds. Using this, we will compose a Fanfare.

**Coding** – We will developing our understanding of algorithms and practise debugging simple programs.



## Music

We will be learning about folks songs and sing and compose our own.



## Personal, Social, Health, Economic

We will be learning about healthy eating and we will use our understanding of the 'Eatwell Guide' and it's five main food groups to design our diet.



## Your child's PE days are:

Tuesdays and Wednesdays



## **!** Important information: **!**

### **Homework**

We will set homework later this half-term and will use Google Classroom. It will be set on a Friday and due in by Tuesday.

### **Snacks and lunchtime**

Please provide healthy snacks for play time; no crisps, chocolate, sesame or nuts

### **Uniform**

Please see the [website](#) for correct uniform

### **Parent Hub**

Please make sure you are signed up for [ParentHub](#) – this is our preferred communication method.

### **If there is a concern**

Please arrange an appointment to see the class teacher by contacting the school office.