

Curriculum overview for Year 2 pupils – Term 4



Theme title: How were houses different in Victorian times?		Launch pad event: Dover Museum Trip
English <i>Please ensure guided reading books are brought to school daily.</i>	This term's English will focus on information texts. The children will learn about Nocturnal Animals through reading not only non-fiction books but also information on a CD rom and the internet. We will be revising the features of a non-fiction text for example: headings, subheadings, labels, captions, introduction and conclusion. The children will also be developing their use of connectives and punctuation.	
Maths	This term we will begin with learning how to tell the time: they will revisit o clock and half past and will also learn how to use quarter past and quarter to. We will progress to telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes using analogue and digital clocks. We will continue to learn our tables and will be using what we have learnt this term in division to find simple fractions of numbers and shapes. We will be using vocabulary such as anti-clockwise and clockwise turns; quarter and half turns to give directions, both written and oral.	
Science	The children will learn about how materials can be changed in different ways. They will learn that some materials come from natural sources (such as wool, cotton and metal) and are changed to make objects. The children will understand the effects of heating and freezing on different materials. They will continue to develop their investigation skills and learn about comparing, fair testing and how to write scientific conclusions.	
Computing	The children will learn what an algorithm is (a set of instructions). The children will initially give oral instructions to a 'human robot' using the vocabulary clockwise and anticlockwise, then they will type instructions into a programmable toy to make it move along a set route.	
Geography	The children will investigate the houses and buildings in Hawkinge through fieldwork. They will learn to find it on a map of the UK. They will also look at the service buildings and transport links in the local area.	
History	This term children will look at similarities and differences between homes today and homes in the past. Investigating features of buildings, household objects and stories about home life will enable children to develop criteria to distinguish old from new, and to learn about life at a time beyond living memory.	
Art	This term the children will be looking at and comparing art work by the artists William Morris and Sanderson. They will create their own pattern in the style of William Morris and use this to print a wallpaper design.	
Design & Tech	In D.T. we will be creating a bedroom using a shoe box. The children will decorate it using their wall paper that they made in Art, and make simple furniture to put in it.	
PE	<p>Games :The children will be learning to throw, catch and control a ball when running with it (either kicking or throwing). They will learn how to dodge a partner and how to change direction and speed when running.</p> <p>Dance : The children will learn a variety of traditional Country Dances. We will be performing one of these dances with Key Stage 1 from the Churchill School.</p>	
Music	The children will learn about dynamics (volume). They will learn to sing and play instruments loudly and quietly. They will investigate which instruments can make loud sounds and which can make soft sounds.	
RE	In R.E children will talk about the fact that Christians believe in God and follow the example of Jesus. They will begin to recognise some Christian symbols and images used to express ideas about God. Children will start to make links between what Jesus taught and what Christians believe and do.	
P.S.H.E	The children will learn what environmental sustainability is and how to improve their school environment and local area. They will be discussing ways to improve the environment around them.	

Ways in which you could support this term's curriculum at home:

Books you could read	Places you could visit together	Other activities
'The Large family' books and 'Peace at Last' By Jill Murphy The Three little pigs	Investigate the different houses and buildings along your street. Are they the same / different? Geffrye Museum in London to look at different rooms through the ages. Kent Life near Maidstone to look at the old house rooms.	Compare your home to another person's.