

*What Are We Learning At The Firs This Term?*

**Y2 Autumn 2023**



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## Literacy

We will continue to develop our reading and writing skills through Read, Write, Inc as well as the Year 2 Literacy programme. We will be continuing to develop our writing through stories such as *Monkey Puzzle*, *Handa's Surprise* and *The Day The Crayons Quit*. We will be focusing on developing our writing using capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks and question marks accurately. We will also be learning how to uplevel our sentences through the use of adjectives, verbs and similes.

### We will be learning to...

*Build fluency and confidence when reading*

*Use capital letters, full stops, question marks, exclamation marks and commas*

*Improve our spelling of common exception words*

*Use adjectives, verbs and similes to improve our sentences*

*Improve our handwriting and presentation through continuous cursive handwriting.*



### What else can I do at home?

Read every day

Practise spellings

Practise writing accurate sentences

Practise number bonds to 10 and 20

Practise counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10w

Practise reading and writing numbers to 100

Find out about animals offspring

Find out what makes a healthy, balanced diet for humans

Continue talking about and observing seasonal changes

## Maths

We will be developing our understanding of numbers up to 100 and place value. We will also be consolidating and deepening our addition and subtraction concepts and using arrays for multiplication. We will be investigating fractions and looking at 2D & 3D shapes as well as measuring.

### We will be learning to...

Read and write numbers up to 100  
and then beyond 100

Understand the place value of  
number looking at ones, tens and then  
hundreds

Count from zero in multiples of 2, 3,  
5 and 10

Use and understand numbers to 100  
using Base Ten, Dienes, ten frames and  
Reknereks

Explore properties of 2D and 3D  
shapes, including lines of symmetry

Add and subtract using a variety of  
mathematical and everyday concrete  
objects

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## Science

We will be exploring our topic of animals including humans. We will be exploring the basic needs of both animals and humans. We will be focusing on learning about different food groups and healthy eating. We will also learn about exercise, good and bad bacteria and how to develop good hygiene habits.

### We will be learning to...

- Understand the basic needs of animals and humans

- Explore a healthy and balanced diet for humans and the importance of exercise

- Explain what good hygiene is and why it is important

- Understand different animals offspring within lifecycles

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## Geography

We will be reinforcing and extending our map skills. We will be exploring an aerial view and using this knowledge to help us to design our own maps, including those of the local area.

### We will be learning to...

- Understand what maps and globes are

- Explore key features of maps such as symbols, keys and co-ordinates

- Create our own maps, including one of Ampthill Park.

## History

We will learn about the changes in the British seaside throughout the 1900's, 1950's and today. We will be exploring changes through transport, entertainment, landscape, destination and clothing. We will also be visited by History Off The Page for a special WOW day!

### We will be learning to...

- Understand how to use timelines

- Understand how inventions change the way we live

- Use relevant vocabulary

- Understand what the seaside is

- Compare the past to the present

## Music

We will learn to sing, play, improvise and compose music from South Africa. We will also be learning Christmas songs in the run up to our Nativity!

### We will be learning to...

- Find the pulse and beat of music

- Learn lyrics of songs

- Sing and use musical instruments

- Create our own music.

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## PE

We will be covering the topics of:

- Hit, Catch, Run
- Attack, Defend, Shoot

**We will be learning to...**

Developing our skills based around co-ordination, agility, speed, strength, stamina and resilience.

Improve throwing and catching techniques

Improve our fitness

Continuing to learn how to be a great team mate too!



## Art

We will be printing and investigating the marks made by different objects and arranging them into repeated patterns.

**We will be learning to...**

Use a number of materials to base work on.

Develop our sketching techniques

Evaluate our ideas and explain methods

Comment on similarities and differences between our own work and that of others

## Design Technology

We will be developing skills to enable us to design, cut and sew our own puppets!

**We will be learning to...**

Sewing techniques such as running and blanket stitch

Measure, mark and cut out materials

Design and evaluate our product

Work safely and accurately with a range of tools.

## RE

We will learn about the religion of Islam. We will be exploring Islamic stories, teachings and celebrations. In the lead up to Christmas, we also be developing our understanding of the Nativity.

**We will be learning to...**

Identify some beliefs about God in Islam

Make links between Islamic beliefs and those of our own

Explore Islamic stories

Understand the importance of some Islamic celebrations

Understand the importance of prayer, Mecca and Mosques to Muslims.

## ICT

We will learn about E-Safety. We will be exploring how to keep ourselves safe online and developing our coding skills on Purple Mash. We will also be learning about and creating our own spreadsheets.

**We will be learning to...**

Understand how and why to use the internet safely

Learn about algorithms and coding

Develop our understanding of spreadsheets.

## PSHRE

We will be thinking about how we can keep ourselves healthy and developing our understanding of friendships.

**We will be learning to...**

Understand why it is important to keep ourselves healthy.

Think about how we can keep ourselves healthy

Understand the importance of good personal hygiene

Think about what friendship is

Understand ways to solve problems, including those involving friendships.