Science

This half term in Science, Year 1/2 will investigate how the seasons change throughout the year. Children will learn about seasonal weather, daylight hours and how trees change across the seasons. They will identify the four seasons, describe typical weather patterns and seasonal activities, and explore how seasonal changes affect the world around them through observation, data collection and practical investigation. By asking questions and recording their findings, children will build confidence as young scientists while developing a deeper understanding of the natural world.

English

This half term in English, children will enjoy studying *Stick Man* by Julia Donaldson. They will develop their reading, writing and speaking skills by discussing characters and settings in detail, making predictions about what might happen next and exploring the story's events. Alongside this, children will practise age-appropriate spelling, punctuation and grammar skills, including sentence construction, capital letters, full stops and using interesting vocabulary to make their writing more engaging. Through shared reading, discussion and storytelling, we aim to nurture a lifelong love of reading and help children develop confidence and enjoyment as readers.

History

This half term in History, Year 1/2 will explore how they are making history through their own lives and experiences. Children will create timelines, discuss special memories and celebrations, compare childhood today with the past, interview a visitor, and contribute ideas to a class time capsule while learning key historical vocabulary. They will also develop an understanding of how the past shapes the present.

Music

This half term in Music, Year 1/2 children will develop their listening, singing and performance skills through a range of enjoyable musical activities. As we prepare for Christmas, children will learn and practise songs for our Christmas celebrations and Nativity performance, focusing on singing with confidence, clear diction and expression. They will explore rhythm, pitch and pulse, use percussion instruments, and work together to perform as part of a group.

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Art and design

This half term in Art and Design, Year 2 children will explore how artists use tone and texture in drawings. They will experiment with different materials, practise shading and mark-making techniques, and develop observational drawing skills. Pupils will learn to refine their artwork carefully, creating detailed and expressive drawings confidently, while exploring the work of artists and evaluating their own creations.

RE

This half term in RE, children will learn about Christianity and explore how Christians celebrate Christmas. They will discover why light is an important symbol at Christmas, discuss Christian beliefs and traditions, ask thoughtful questions, share their opinions and begin to explain their ideas using simple reasons and examples from their learning.

Maths

This half term, Year 1 and Year 2 children will follow the White Rose Maths mixed-age programme, developing their understanding of place value, shape and arithmetic. Through practical activities, reasoning challenges and problem-solving tasks, children will explore numbers in greater depth, recognise and describe 2D and 3D shapes, and strengthen their addition and subtraction skills. Pupils will be encouraged to explain their thinking, use mathematical vocabulary confidently and apply their learning to a range of real-life situations.

PSHE

This half term in PSHE, children will explore how people use the internet in everyday life. They will learn about staying safe online, showing kindness and respect when communicating digitally, balancing screen time with other activities, and understanding what to do if they see something online that makes them uncomfortable or worried.

Computing

Children will develop key digital skills through a range of practical and engaging activities. They will learn how to use technology safely and responsibly, improve their mouse and keyboard skills, follow simple instructions, and create digital content. Children will also begin to understand how computers work.



PE

PE will take place on **Mondays and Thursdays** this half term. On Mondays, children will work with specialist coaches to develop their ball skills, including throwing, catching, dribbling and control. On Thursdays, specialist coaches will help children create, adapt and play their own games, building teamwork, creativity and problem-solving skills.