



Year 2 Curriculum Map – Spring Term 2025

Welcome to the Spring term. We are looking forward to another action-packed term with Year 2. This term we will learn about life around us in London. We will explore past and present versions of the vibrant city we live in through cross-curricular lessons. We will continue to develop our knowledge of materials and how to take care of our bodies, personal safety, our rights and respect for each other through Science and PSHCE lessons. We will read a range of thought-provoking class stories and interesting poems and will explore multiplication and division. There will be charity days, an inter-school football match and a poetry competition. Year 2 will explore the architecture of St Paul's cathedral on an educational trip and perform in a school production.

English	Maths	Science	STEAM	Computing	Humanities
<p>The pupils will write for a range of fiction and non-fiction purposes and develop their speaking and listening skills. In fiction writing the focus will be character and setting descriptions, while non-fiction opportunities include leaflets, letters and information reports.</p> <p>Grammar: pupils will learn how to use commas in a list, apostrophes for possession and omission and the application of the progressive present and past tense. Year 2 will develop their ideas using coordinating and subordinating conjunctions to extend their writing.</p> <p>Phonics: the children will continue to study Phase 6 phonics, which focuses on spelling patterns and grammar rules.</p> <p>Reading: this will continue to be a focus and as the term progresses pupils will be expected to answer more complex written reading comprehensions.</p>	<p>Measurement - Money Year 2 will develop their understanding of money through lessons on coin recognition and identifying different ways to make a given amount. Pupils will then learn to find the total and calculate change.</p> <p>Maths lessons will focus on multiplication and division strategies at the start of the spring term. They then learn to divide by sharing into equal groups. Applying these multiplication and division strategies, Year 2 will learn the relationship between the two operations. The children will begin to learn the times tables by heart and will be tested weekly on the 2, 5, 10 and 3 x tables in this order.</p> <p>Year 2 will learn to measure length, weight and capacity using standard and non-standard units of measurement.</p>	<p>Year 2's first science unit is Shaping Up, where pupils will discover how materials can make different shapes and how to make changes in the shape of an object by bending, twisting, squashing and stretching. They will then apply this knowledge in scientific experiments to explore the properties of materials.</p> <p>The second scientific topic is Taking Care, where pupils will learn how to care for their bodies and physical health. They will explore food groups and what it means to have a balanced diet, before learning how to stay fit and clean.</p>	<p>Our project in STEAM in the first half of term is focused on the importance of recycling. Collaboratively the class will design and create an art piece using solely recycled plastics. In the second half of term STEAM lessons will then see the children create a storyboard and design and build puppets to retell their stories.</p>	<p>Over the course of the first half of term, pupils will learn how to present ideas using different ICT applications. They will create a fact file on a non-fiction topic and present this to the rest of the class.</p> <p>The second computing unit will see pupils learn about data handling tools and applications, in connection with their maths topic on data handling. They will ask and answer questions and present them using online tools.</p>	<p>Year 2's Spring topics are The Great Fire of London and Life in London. Pupils will learn about the key events of the Great Fire of London and its causes and impacts. They will explore how we can find out about the past through primary and secondary sources. Pupils will then have the opportunity to increase their historical understanding by comparing and contrasting past and present-day London. They will develop key geographical map skills using simple map symbols and compass directions.</p>

French	TPR	PSHCE/RSE	Sport	Music	Art
<p>This term children will revise numbers to 12 and learn to ask someone's age and respond to that question.</p> <p>We will see vocabulary for animals and read the story Le Petit Canard. We will talk about the cold weather and what we wear during the winter.</p> <p>Every week we will sing songs, play different games and do activities to help learn and practice new vocabulary.</p>	<p>Year 2 will develop their understanding of Judaism by studying religious symbols, celebrations and events such as Hanukkah. They will then explore synagogues and the Torah and consider similarities and differences to other religions.</p>	<p>Year 2 will learn about dangerous situations, how they can keep themselves safe, who can help them and how to get help when needed. Pupils will consider safe and unsafe touch and surprises and secrets.</p> <p>They will learn about their rights and the importance of treating themselves and others with respect.</p>	<p>Indoor PE During indoor PE, the children will be taught a module called Fundamentals. They will be looking at balancing, running, changing direction, jumping, hopping and skipping.</p> <p>After half-term they will have dance lessons, where they will be exploring space and how their bodies can move to express an idea, mood, character or feeling. They will use the counts of 8 consistently to keep in time with the music and a partner.</p> <p>Outdoor PE During outdoor PE the children will learn the skills and rules of netball. They aim to develop the skills of catching, passing, evasion and shooting. They will apply these skills in 5-a-side games and participate in a fixture against another prep school in London.</p>	<p>In music we will carry on with our composition and discover new musical terms and how they affect the music.</p> <p>We will also do a study of Saint-Saëns's Carnival of the Animals and even compose music for our own chosen animals.</p> <p>In choir we will prepare for the spring production and the summer concert.</p>	<p>Year 2 will be using collage and pastels to create a scene from the Great Fire of London. Later on in the term they will look at the London skyline today and create observational drawings using pen and ink.</p>

How can I help at home?

Please continue to read regularly and encourage your child to verbally answer comprehension questions, in full sentences, using the reading dog bookmark for support.

Please support your child to continue to quickly count forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s in preparation for times tables tests. From Spring 2 encourage your child to learn their set times table through songs, by rote or through the use of online platforms. The website www.timestables.co.uk is free to use and it is easy to create a login for it and practise individual timetables.

To develop their understanding of current affairs, watch Newsround with your child and discuss any articles of interest and events that are happening around them. To further develop interests in the local area you could explore new areas of London and take a look at the architecture. The Monument to the Great Fire of London and visiting Pudding Lane are interesting trips.