



Year 2 Autumn 1

This gives you an overview of what your child will be learning in school this half term and ideas of how to support them. with their learning at home.

English

Key texts for this half term:

This half term, our writing focus for the first 5 weeks will be on grammar and punctuation. We will then use these skills we have learnt to write a narrative.

Week 1: Noun focus

Week 2: Verb focus

Week 3: Subject focus

Week 4: Subject/verb focus—building single clause sentences

Week 5: Subject/verb focus—coordinating conjunctions to join clauses and compound subjects

Week 6: Narrative

Our reading week develops the following skills

Lesson 1: vocabulary and retrieval.

Lesson 2: retrieval, ordering and summarizing.

Lesson 3 and 4 inference.

Lesson 5: language and inference.

We are always focusing on developing children's fluency when reading aloud.

Ideas for support at home:

- Read regularly with your child. Read to them so that they can hear what good reading sounds like and get them to read aloud to you.
- Identify effective vocabulary and think of synonyms (other words which mean the same)
- Discuss how the characters are feeling and how you know.
- Discuss what characters are like and get children to identify the evidence.

Science

Our topic this half term is 'How does a baby animal grow into a healthy adult?'

During this topic, children will be taught to

- Learn the names of offspring's and match them to the adults
- Describe how humans change over time
- Understand what food can have a healthy impact on our bodies
- Understand how we can keep pets healthy and looked after

Ideas for support at home:

- Look at photos at home and talk about differences/ similarities they can identify
- Talk about or demonstrate how they would look after a pet
- Talk about animals they see, can they spot their offspring?
- Create a photo timeline showing their own changes over a period of time
- Create a healthy food poster to help them make choices of what to eat

Maths

Place value

Numbers up to 100.

Understand how to partition numbers into tens and ones.

To compare, identify, represent, partition and estimate numbers up to 100.

Addition and Subtraction

Use addition and subtraction facts to 20.

To add and subtract 1 digit number from a 2 digit number.

Length and Height

To measure length using a 30cm ruler.

To measure length using a metre ruler.

Compare and order heights and lengths.

Ideas for support at home

- Keep practicing counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10.
- Practise key facts addition and subtraction facts to 10.
- Use the language of taller, shorter, longer to compare height and length.

Useful websites

[Key Stage 1 Maths - Topmarks Search](#)

[Year 2 Maths - BBC Bitesize](#)

RHE Jigsaw

Being Me in My World



In this unit children will think about the year ahead, including their goals and challenges. They will talk about the rights and responsibilities within the class, school and wider community. They will learn how to recognize how to make choices and how rewards and consequences work.

Support your child at home by discussing their goals and regularly giving them opportunities to talk about any challenges.

RE

What can we learn from stories from the Bible?

- describe how Christians pray and show understanding of these practices are linked to teaching from the Bible.
- understand some similarities and differences between Christian ideas on prayer, describing how these beliefs affect how Christians live.
- ask questions about prayer and share their own ideas about it.
- describe what commands their respect and why

Support your child by talking about the importance of prayer in your own life. You can visit ST. Peter's Church in Wolverhampton, which is open from 11-2 Mon-Fri.

PE

Personal cog



In this unit, the children will develop and apply their footwork and one leg balance through focused skill development sessions, cooperative and competitive games.

Computing



Computing systems and networks - IT around us

In this unit children will be learning about how is information technology (IT) being used for good in our lives? With an initial focus on IT in the home, children will explore how IT benefits society in places such as shops, libraries, and hospitals. Whilst discussing the responsible use of technology, and how to make smart choices when using it.

Music

Music school - Recorders

1. Learn Musical Elements
2. Care of Instrument
3. Posture / Embouchure / Hand position
4. Technique / Breathing / Airspeed
5. Notation / Playing single note to backing track and sequences

Special Focus Over the half term, in addition to work in lessons, we will also be focusing on the following things.

- The importance of **keeping healthy**: Merridale Marathon 27.9.24 (please ensure your child comes to school in the appropriate clothing and footwear).
- **E-safety** Self image and self identity. Recognise that people may not be honest online. Learn how to protect my identity and report concerns.
- **RHE focus week** 16.9.24— 20.9.24 Playing safely. Looking at the importance of playing safely inside and outside of school and how we can keep ourselves safe if we are allowed to play without an adult.
- **Black History Month Celebration** 1.10.24
- 09.10.24— **Meet the teacher meetings after school** (3:30-8pm)
- 11.10.24— **Food Bank Friday**

Share your learning with your teacher in class or email office@merridaleprimary.co.uk

History, geography, art and DT are taught through a topic based approach. Information about your child's current topic will be sent home at the start of each new topic.