

Year 2 Curriculum Letter - Autumn 1 - 2025

Our theme for Autumn 1 is:

Captivating Capitals

Our main focuses are:

- To look at maps and globes to locate the UK, its capital cities and the surrounding seas.
- To continue to work on constructing a simple sentence including capital letters, fingers spaces and full stops.
- To partition numbers into tens and ones and begin adding and subtracting.
- To compare old and new physical features in London.

Our theme will last for:

8 weeks

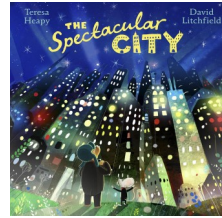


English

This term, Year 2 will be reading 'The Spectacular City'. We will be using it to develop our reading skills by using prediction skills and answering questions about the book.

Our main focus this term will be on constructing accurate, simple sentences with capital letters and correct punctuation. We will also be focussing on different word classes such as verbs and adjectives and how to add these to sentences.

During our English lessons we will be beginning to use some cursive flicks .

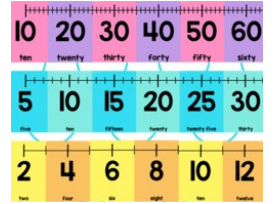


Mathematics

This term, we will be focussing on two different units. These units are: 'Pattern sniffing' and 'Investigating number systems'. We will be:

- Counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s forwards and backwards
- Adding and subtracting
- Recognising odd and even numbers
- Reading and writing numbers to at least 100 in numerals and in words

If you would like to help your child at home, it would be really beneficial if you could practise mental mathematics strategies and times tables (2s, 3s, 5s and 10s). All methods used in class can be found on the school's website under the 'Year 2 Maths. Calculation policy'.



P.S.H.E.

This half-term, we will be thinking about friendships and understanding how to be a good friend. We will think about how our behaviour affects others and how to keep ourselves and others safe.



Behaviour and Safety

We will be learning about the school rules, what they are and how they help us. The children will use drama skills to show their understanding of the rules by acting out different scenarios.

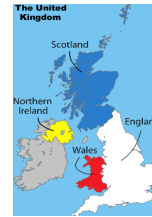
British Values

We will introduce all of the British Values and discuss our first value for this half term: Rule of Law. We will link this to our school rules and our behaviour and safety lessons.

Geography

In Geography, we will be locating the UK on a map and globe. We will also locate the seas that surround the UK. Furthermore, we will learn about the capital cities of the countries of the UK and compare a small area of the country to a small area of a non-European country.

Children will also look at aerial photographs and maps and learn about the keys/symbols that are used. Following this, we will create our very own maps! Lastly, children will learn about the four compass points and how we can use them in our map work.



R.E.

This term we will focus on Christianity and Islam. We will be looking at how, and what, Christians and Muslims worship.

Music

This term we will be using the song 'Hands, Feet and Heart' to explore the dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc.). The children will learn to sing the song, play and compose, as well as listening to different styles of South African music. We will be learning about boomwhackers and how they make tuned sounds.



Art and Design Technology

We will be developing a wide range of Art and Design techniques using colour, pattern, line, shape and space. This will be linked to our topic of Captivating Capitals and look at the work by Oscar Claude Monet.



Computing

This half-term we will be learning about how algorithms and instructions relate, understanding the terms 'algorithm' and 'debugging' and using apps to apply our skills. We will use the 'Lightbot' and 'ALEX' apps to help embed our learning.



No Outsiders

We will continue to use our fantastic 'No Outsiders in our School' scheme of work and within this we will be studying the book 'The Great Big Book of Families' by Mary Hoffman and Ros Asquith. We will be considering that children have different backgrounds and families and thinking about what family means to us. We will also be looking at friendship.

History

This half-term we will be learning about the Great Fire of London and comparing the city from the past to the present day. We will order the events that took place during that time to retell an event beyond living memory.



P.E.

We will be focusing on practising throwing and aiming towards a target.

It is important that your child brings in their P.E. kit on a Monday which will need to stay in school until Friday. This will need to include their indoor and outdoor P.E. kit. We will have an indoor P.E. session every Thursday



Shared home learning:

Please encourage your child to read for 15 minutes, as a minimum, every day. This should be logged in their reading journal on a daily basis. An optional Maths. and English homework (alternating) will be set via Seesaw on a weekly basis. The answers for this will accompany the work and raffle tickets and rewards may be given for these by the teachers. A topic project will be set in the coming weeks and this will be explained with a letter containing all of the information regarding it - this one can let your creativity take hold!

Dates for your diary

W.B. 27th August — Positive Emotions Week: focus on amusement.

3rd September—Meet the Teacher after school to find out more about Year 2

10th October—World Mental Health day

HOME LEARNING