

# Curriculum Overview

Autumn 2

## English

In English, we will be studying non-chronological reports, stories with familiar settings, and poems based on a theme. We'll be focusing on using punctuation correctly and expanding our vocabulary with exciting and interesting words!

## Phonics

Phonics is taught daily – please look out for sounds and words to practice at home. Additional info can be found in homework books

## Maths

### Reception:

We're going to be learning about patterns! Can you find any patterns at home? Shapes, nature, number...

### Year One

This term, we will focus on Place Value, Addition, Subtraction and Shape. Can you find any shapes around your home?

## Science

### Animals

In Science, the children are learning how to **identify and name a variety of common animals**, including **fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals**. They are also learning to **group animals based on their diets**—whether they are **carnivores, herbivores, or omnivores**. Finally, we'll be exploring how to **describe and compare the structure** of different animals, including pets, to deepen their understanding

## DT

This half term, we will be making a moving story book! We'll be thinking about sliders and mechanisms, illustrations, using a design-criteria and evaluating our work!



## Music

In Music this half term, we'll continue exploring a variety of fun songs, including **"Shake My Sillies Out"** and **"The Menu Song."** We'll be thinking about how these songs make us feel, how we respond to them, and what messages they might carry. Children will also be developing their understanding of **beat** and **rhythm** as they listen, move, and join in with the music.

## PSHE

### Citizenship

We're going to learn about the importance of rules and why we have them, explore the different roles people have in our community, and understand what makes a good school environment—and how everyone plays a part in keeping it that way.



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## Computing

We are going to be learning how to use a computer — including how to turn it on, log in, and use a mouse! We'll be focusing on our mouse skills and also using a word processor!



## RE

This half term, we will be studying the unit 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?' We will be learning about the Christmas story and some of the traditions that we share at Christmas time



## Homework

**Homework will be sent out on FRIDAY and collected the following THURSDAY.**

Homework will consist of a Phonics information sheet detailing the sounds we have covered during the week. There will also be an activity or task to complete. Please try to read with your child as much as possible and complete the comment section in the Reading Journal.

## Ways to help...

There are lots of things you can do at home to support your child's development. Games like *I Spy* help encourage spelling. Making your own playdough is a fun activity that supports learning about weights, measures, and material changes—and playing with it helps develop finger strength! Board games are great for encouraging turn-taking, counting, and problem-solving. You could also create an obstacle course or a scavenger hunt—both are lots of fun and fantastic for developing physical skills and problem-solving abilities!

Cooking, baking, helping with chores, writing shopping lists are great little activities to support reading and writing

## History

Our history topic is called "How Have Toys Changed?" We will be learning about traditional toys and games, and exploring how toys have changed over time. If you have any toys from your childhood—or if any grandparents would be willing to visit and talk to the class—please let me know. We would love to welcome some visitors!



## Don't forget!

- **PE is on WEDNESDAYS and THURSDAYS. Please ensure kits are in school.**
- **Reading books will mostly be changed on FRIDAYS**
- **Please make sure that Reading packs are in school every day**
- **Please label items of clothing**