

This half term, Year 2 will be exploring a range of exciting topics across the curriculum. Below is an overview of what your child will be learning.

English



Our focus text is **Cops and Robbers** by Allan Ahlberg.

Children will learn to:

- Write character and setting descriptions.
- Use expanded noun phrases to add detail.
- Write questions using correct punctuation.
- Create police reports and witness statements.
- Edit and improve their own writing

SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)

We will be learning about:

- Nouns
- Vowels and consonants
- Sentence punctuation
- Forming nouns using the suffix - **ness**

Reading and Phonics



Through our Little Wandle programme, children will:

- Review Phase 5 phonics sounds and spellings.
- Develop fluency and accuracy when reading.
- Practise applying phonics knowledge in reading and writing

Mathematics



We will be focusing on:

- Numbers to 100
- Addition and subtraction
- Using different methods to solve calculations
- Building confidence with number facts and problem-solving

Science - Materials



Children will investigate:

- Different types of materials and their uses
- Material properties
- How materials can be changed
- Which materials are suitable for different purposes
- Reusing and recycling materials

Music



Through singing activities, children will learn:

- Chants, rhymes and songs
- Accurate pitch and vocal control
- Musical dynamics (loud and quiet)
- Tempo (fast and slow)

Physical Education



Children will focus on:

- Following instructions safely
- Building resilience and confidence
- Developing balance, coordination and footwork skills
- Improving movement, control and stability

Geography - The United Kingdom

Our topic is **"What Kind of Place is the UK?"**



Children will learn:

- The countries of the UK and surrounding seas
- The capital cities of the UK
- Key geographical features of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
- About London, including the River Thames and famous landmarks

Religious Education

Who is a Hindu and what do they believe?

Children will explore:



- Hindu beliefs about God
- Hindu Gods and Goddesses
- Hindu stories and festivals including **Diwali** and **Holi**
- Special objects and traditions within Hinduism

Computing



Children will learn:

- What information technology is
- How technology is used in school and everyday life
- How technology helps us
- How to use technology safely and responsibly

Art

Children will develop skills in:



- Drawing and shading
- Painting and colour mixing
- Collage and identity - themed artwork
- Printing techniques
- Sculpture, including relief sculptures and clay pinch and coil pots

Personal Development (Health and Relationships)



Children will discuss:

- Families and trusted adults
- Personal safety and making emergency 999 calls
- Medicine safety and keeping healthy

How You Can Help at Home

- Read with your child every day.
- Practise number facts and simple addition/subtraction.
- Talk about materials and objects you see around the home.
- Encourage neat handwriting and correct letter formation.
- Discuss places in the UK and look at maps together.
- Practise Numbots.