



# Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

## Around the World in 29 Days

### 2025 - 2026

Welcome back after a well-deserved Christmas break! We are all excited about our new topic this term where we travel the world in 29 days! This half term we are also going on our residential to 'The Deep' which we can't wait for!

#### Key Dates

6<sup>th</sup> January – First day of term  
8<sup>th</sup> January – The Deep Parent Meeting  
4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> February – The Deep Residential  
12<sup>th</sup> February – Topic Showcase  
13<sup>th</sup> – PTFA Break the Rules Day

#### Maths

This half term in maths we will be taking a focus on shape, money and the start of our multiplication unit. In the first half of mathematics this half term the children will be learning about both 2D and 3D shapes. In these lessons we will be looking at the properties of these shapes (e.g. vertices, sides, faces, etc). In the second half of the half term, the children will be learning about money. We will be focusing on counting amounts of money and how we can create an amount of money (e.g. how many 20ps into £1). To end the half term, we will start to dive into our multiplication unit where the children will start their timetables. As a result, we will be introducing timetables rockstars (TTRS). This will be continued into Spring 2.

#### PSHE/RE/PE

PSHE – Our PSHE lessons this half term will be surrounding the theme of 'Keeping Safe'.  
PE – Our topics in PE this half term are 'Athletics' and 'Target Games'.  
RE – RE will be continued to be taught by Mrs Walker. This half term the children will be learning all about 'What Did Jesus Teach And How Did He Live?'

#### Topic – Geography and Art

**Key Vocabulary (Geography)** – Africa, Asia, Antarctica, Europe, North America, South America, Australia, Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Southern, Arctic  
**Key Vocabulary (Art)** - Form, Texture, Space, Impression, Malleable, Structure, Sculpture, Slip

This half term our topic focus will be geography and art. In our geography lessons we shall build on the children's year 1 knowledge about the continents of the world. We will compare the continents to each other looking at aspects such as culture and weather.



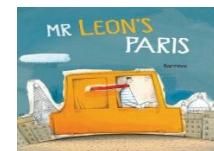
#### Outdoor Learning

In outdoor learning we will continue to develop our safety skills in the outdoors with Miss Firth. We will also be ensuring that we understand how to look after our local area. Please can we ask that all children come to school with a coat and wellies; the outdoor learning area has been getting very muddy due to the weather and we do not want children hurting themselves. Thank you!

#### Science

Our topic this half term is all about 'Changing Materials'. This science unit will continue to build on the children's understanding of the different properties of materials. With our residential trip to The Deep, the children will also be learning about the layers of the ocean and the animals that live in each layer. This will support the children's understanding when we are there.

Mrs Carling will continue to teach science to the children. Mrs Carling will be teaching the children all about environmental science. She will be introducing data handling to the children as well to support the development of their scientific skills.



#### English

Our first text in English this half term is 'Mr Leon's Taxi' by Barroux. Our first text allows the children to explore the world without leaving the comfort of the taxi. We will be revisiting skills such as commas in a list, subordinating conjunctions, adverbs and past progressive verbs. Our second text is 'Lost and Found' written by Oliver Jeffers. This will support the children in creating some lovely descriptive writing.

#### Computing/Music

Computing – Our topic in computing this half term is 'Creating Media: Digital Music'.

Music – Music will continue to be taught by Mrs Clifford. This half term's topic is 'Rap music from the 21<sup>st</sup> century'. The children will go to weekly singing assemblies hosted by Mrs Clifford.