

Computing



Over this half term children will be using a range of apps on the iPads to support them in their IPC topic. One of the apps they'll be using, 'Explain Everything', allows children to develop further into their level of understanding of a range of mathematical concepts.

We will be combining videos, photos, and our written work to make explanations and guides all about the knowledge and skills we learn from our science tasks.

Religious Education



This half term, children will further develop their understanding of the Hindu and Sikh festival of Diwali.

Children will look at similarities and differences between the festival and celebrations that they attend. They will learn what Diwali means to different groups of people and explore some of the festival's traditions.



Reading



In RWI children will be focusing on building their phonological awareness. In year 2 there will be a focus on reading with fluency and expression. The children are expected to share their ideas about the stories they have read.

At the end of each 5 day cycle children will write a piece of compositional writing based on the book they are reading that week.

Children are expected to regularly read at home to practise and consolidate their learning at school.

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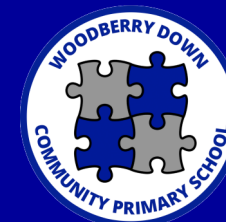
PE: All year 2 classes have P.E on a Thursday afternoon with the P.E. coaches. Please ensure that the children have the appropriate P.E. kit with them.

Book bags: Children should bring their book bags to school every day with their books in them so they can read their books home to read.

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Year 2

Our World



English



In English this term we will be studying a range of genres.

For our first writing week we will be reading the story 'Giraffes can't dance'. We will be exploring the different characters and using the illustrations to create our own diary entry from the perspective of Gerald the giraffe.

In our non-fiction writing we will be writing explanations and non-chronological reports based on our learning in our IPC topics. Children will analyse the features of these text types and use their knowledge of the scientific concepts we are learning about to explain and report on different habitats, life cycles and animal adaptations.

To ensure children have an excellent understanding of the skills needed in writing we will practise our spelling, punctuation and grammar skills in weekly 'Spag meetings'.



Mathematics



In the beginning of this half term, we will be learning place value of numbers within 1000 and we will be working on our reasoning skills with numbers to 100.

We will be applying strategies learnt from year 1 to solve addition and subtraction problems and practise new ways to solve equations using different concrete resources, pictorial methods and written methods with numbers up to 1000.

Towards the end of this half term we will apply our knowledge of solving equations by regrouping to multiply two digit numbers to one another and we will revise our understanding of division. We will continue to use concrete resources and bar models to represent equations so that children can develop their depth of knowledge of these concepts.

To ensure children continue to develop their understanding of the time we will also revise and consolidate what they have learnt about telling the time.

Physical Education



This half term the children in year 2 will be using their class P.E lessons to play 'getting to know you' games. These games will help children to develop their skills in partner work, small group work and team work in a range of ways.

We will practice throwing and catching skills so that they begin to design their own games with each other.

IPC



Our topic this term is 'Our World' we will be learning about the following:

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- About the animals, plants and birds in our local environment.
- About the best soil conditions to grow seeds
- How we can recycle and reuse materials to help our environment.
- How we can set up our own composting club.

In Geography, we'll be finding out:

- About different wildlife habitats in our local environment.
- About the animals and insects that share our local environment.
- How our local environment compares with other locations around the world.

How can you help me at home?

Help me practise my times tables at speed. By the end of the term children should be confident with all their times tables up to 10.

Help me practise my spellings. Spellings tests are every Thursday.

Make sure that I'm showing my working out when I'm completing my homework in my homework book.