

English

Our topic themes will provide many writing opportunities for our pupils. They will learn to:

- apply their Year 1 sounds to write sentences
- use capital letters and full stops
- form lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another
- share their ideas with a talk partner and say their sentence aloud whilst writing it

Within reading, pupils will continue to use sounds learned in Year 1 and newly taught sounds to blend and read words and sentences. They will continue to use the Big Cat books to progress their reading skills.

Art and DT

Pupils will develop their colour mixing skills to create a scene from a fairy tale. By exploring how sketching pencils can be used to draw lines of varying thickness and patterns, pupils will sketch a teddy bear.

In DT, pupils will design and make a strong and stable chair for Little Bear from Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Using a selection of tools, pupils will cut wood and join the pieces together to make a frame.

RE

Pupils will explore the themes of caring and giving through stories, celebrations and traditions. They will learn qualities including compassion, generosity and community.

Bears, Tales and Woodland Trails

Year 2 Autumn Term 2026

History

Pupils will explore the fascinating history of teddy bears and how they have changed over time. They will discover where the first teddy bears came from and find out if the toys they play with are the same as the toys their parents and grandparents had.

Computing

We will learn about how technology is used within school. Using the laptop, we will learn how to use a mouse and keyboard and use these skills to create a poster. We will also learn to use tools within a paint program. Pupils will discuss the importance of 'think before you click' when learning about internet safety.

Music

Pupils will learn the differences between pulse, rhythm and pitch through a variety of songs and rhymes. We will listen to and appraise a selection of different styles of music.

PSHE and RSE

Together we will devise our class rules and discuss how we can help each other build positive relationships and be a good friend. Through the teaching of mental health and well being, pupils will learn to recognise and understand their feelings, develop strategies and know who can support them.

Maths

During the autumn term, pupils will:

- represent multiples of 10 and compare numbers to 100
- use resources such as number lines, ten frames and part-whole models to add and subtract within 20
- add and subtract two 2-digit numbers not crossing ten
- develop their ability to quickly recall number bonds to 20
- find 10 more and 10 less than a given number within 100
- their ability to recognise and name common 2D and 3D shapes and describe their properties

Science

In science, pupils will be learning about seasonal changes and everyday materials. They will:

- Identify and describe seasonal changes during a walk around the school grounds and locality
- Identify and group everyday materials
- Explore properties of materials through a variety of investigations

PE

In PE, pupils will develop their movement skills, cooperation and team work through a variety of games. In gymnastics, pupils will explore different ways of travelling, balancing, jumping and rolling. They will learn to create and perform simple sequences whilst also working safely with equipment.