

In the first half term, our writing will be based on the book 'The Dark.' We will explore poetry, persuasive writing and develop our story writing.

After half term we will explore fairy tales, including those with untraditional endings. We will use the book 'The Last Wolf' to help us. We will also explore how we can use writing to inform in a range of cross-curricular lessons to support our Science topic Animals Including Humans.

We will start our topic called 'Animals Including Humans' where we will learn about different life cycles, the importance of balanced diets to humans as well as hygiene and exercise.

We will also explore living things and plants, making links to our winter observations and see how new life begins to grow.

In Geography we will be learning about where our food comes from and the journey raw food goes on before it reaches the shops to be eaten. We will develop our mapping skills.

In History we will be exploring Holidays in the past and compare them to the holidays we experience today.

We will be focussing on the children's understanding of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also be practising our 2, 5 and 10 times tables and children will begin to have weekly times tables tests after half term.

We will be learning about shape. We will learn about simple fractions and how to find fractions of shapes and amounts.

Our topics will be:

- Books- exploring the Old and New Testament and the Gospels in the Bible.
- Thanksgiving- exploring the different parts of the Mass and Jesus' presence in the Eucharist.
- Opportunities-Understanding the gift of the Holy Spirit.

+ George's College students will be joining us on Thursday mornings to support our RE learning.

Date for your diary: Mother's Day
Mass in school 8th March.

We are also leading the end of term mass on 21st March.

We will be developing our understanding of music as well as listening to and appreciating rock and reggae music.

Spring 1—we will be developing our dance skills on Tuesday's and gymnastics skills on Wednesday's.

Spring 2—we will be developing our striking and field games and net and wall games.

Computing

The initial focus of our learning this term is with programming; to develop an understanding of instructions in sequences and the use of logical reasoning to predict outcomes. We will also be looking at Pictograms to develop our understanding of what the term 'data' means and how data can be collected in the form of a tally chart, progressing onto presenting data in the form of pictograms and block diagrams.

We will be exploring mono-printing in the first half term, using nature as our inspiration. We will also explore how artists can express themselves using colour and brush strokes.

In DT we will be making links to our Geography topic and use Carlo's room for food technology.

We will be exploring how we are unique with our talents and skills. We will also explore how we can keep our bodies clean and healthy.

January—Hope
February—Trust
March—Thoughtfulness



Some great books for Year 2 Children.

- Any non-fiction book about Florence Nightingale, Materials and their Properties.
- Fairy tales e.g. Little Red Riding Hood or modern versions of fairy tales e.g. The True Story of the Three Little Pigs.
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, George's Marvellous Medicine—Roald Dahl.

Web-sites that you may like to explore with your child to fit in with the topics they will be studying.

- www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/ for typing practice
- www.mathszone.co.uk/ for lots of Maths games.
- <http://www.ictgames.com/lwc.html>—for spelling practice.
- <http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/literacy2.htm>
- http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/famouspeople/florence_nightingale/
- <http://www.florence-nightingale.co.uk/>

You may also like to visit the Florence Nightingale Museum based beside St Thomas' Hospital.

<https://florence-nightingale.co.uk/visit/>

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Parents

Spring Term