



Year 1 & 2 Autumn Curriculum Map

Literacy

This term in literacy, children will learn how to write clear instructions and perform poems with confidence and expression. Later in the term, we will use *Meerkat Mail* to inspire letter writing, helping children explore character voice and personal communication. Through these activities, children will develop their writing, speaking, and listening skills.

Learning goals:

- Write instructions using time connectives and imperative verbs.
- Perform poetry using voice, actions, and expression.
- Explore story structure and character through shared reading.
- Write letters with appropriate layout and personal tone.
- Use punctuation accurately in sentences.
- Expand vocabulary through descriptive writing.

Maths

This term, our focus is on number, addition and subtraction, and shape.

- **Year 1** will work with numbers to 10, learning to add and subtract within 10 and recognise simple 2D and 3D shapes.
- **Year 2** will explore 2-digit numbers, develop place value understanding, and begin using bar models to solve addition and subtraction problems.

Children will build confidence in number sense and problem-solving through practical activities and visual representations.

History – Space Travel

This term, children will learn about the history of space travel. They will explore key events and significant people, from Neil Armstrong's first steps on the Moon to Mae Jemison's achievements as the first Black woman in space. Children will learn to place events on a timeline and understand how space exploration has changed over time.

Art – Chris Ofili

This term, children will explore the work of artist *Chris Ofili* and use his style to inspire their own creations. They will practise mark making using pencils and pens, explore repeating patterns, and experiment with marbling techniques. These skills will be combined to create a final piece of artwork influenced by Ofili's vibrant and expressive style.

Science – Materials

This term, children will explore everyday materials and their properties. They will investigate what objects are made from, how materials behave, and why certain materials are chosen for specific uses. Through hands-on activities and simple experiments, children will build their understanding of the world around them.

Learning Goals:

- Identify and name a variety of everyday materials.
- Describe the simple physical properties of materials.
- Compare and group materials based on their properties.
- Explore how materials can change shape through bending, stretching, or twisting.
- Investigate the suitability of materials for different purposes.
- Distinguish between natural and man-made materials.

RE – The Lord's Prayer

This term, children will learn about *The Lord's Prayer* and explore what it means to Christians. They will think about the ideas of care, forgiveness, and thankfulness, and how the prayer helps people talk to God.

RSHE – Healthy Bodies and Minds

This term, children will learn how to keep their bodies and minds healthy. They will explore the importance of exercise, sleep, healthy eating, and talking about feelings. Through stories, discussions, and activities, children will begin to understand how to care for themselves and others.

Computing – Online Safety

This term, children will learn how to stay safe online and use *Purple Mash* to support their learning. They will practise logging in safely, understand why passwords should be kept private, and learn how emails are used to communicate. Children will also explore basic computer skills and how to use technology responsibly.