Year 1/2

Curriculum Information

Autumn 1 2026



English

In English, Y1/2 will be reading '10 Ways to Help Our World' by Melanie Walsh. We will be using this text to support the writing of labels and captions. We will also read 'The Storm Whale' by Benji Davies and will use ideas from this text in our own narrative writing. We will continue to use the 'Character, Setting, Problem, Solution' writing structure to create sentences orally before writing the sentences.

Pupils will continue to have 3 reading sessions per week and reading books will be sent home on a Friday. Library book changing day is a Thursday.

Science

In Science, pupils will be finding out about animals including humans. They will discover that the young of some animals do not look like their parents e.g. tadpoles. Also, all animals, including humans, have the basic needs of feeding, drinking and breathing that must be satisfied in order to survive.

PE

In Y1/2, pupils will have 2 PE lessons. With Mrs Clasper, the pupils will work through fitness activities and with Mrs Sweeny, the pupils will work through fundamental skills which will include balancing, running, changing direction, jumping, hopping and travelling.

Children will develop gross motor skills through a range of activities. They will learn how to stay safe using space, working independently and with a partner.

Geography

In Geography, pupils will answer the question, 'What can I find in my corner of the world?' They will identify key features on a map and in the local environment. They will also describe what I can see from an aerial view over Ebchester.

PSHE

In PSHE, the pupils will be working through the Foundations of Wellbeing units – a series of lessons where pupils notice and name different types of feelings and thoughts – and learn simple self-regulation strategies to manage them.

Music

Our focus in Music this half term is pulse and beat. By the end of the unit, pupils will understand that the speed of the beat can change, creating a faster or slower pace and will be able to mark the beat of a listening piece by tapping or clapping.

Maths

In Maths this half term, the Y2 pupils will revisit place value, working with numbers to 100. They will focus on ways to partition numbers as well as recognising numerals and numbers written in words. The second half of this half term will introduce addition and subtraction small steps – working with number bonds to 100 and addition and subtraction with 2-digit numbers

In Y1, pupils will revise numbers to 10 – recognising numbers as words, finding one more than and comparing and ordering numbers. By the end of the half term, pupils will work through small steps of addition and subtraction to 10.

All pupils are able to use the Numbots app at home to consolidate place value understanding and addition and subtraction facts. Please contact school if you require any additional information about the app.

Computing

Our Computing focus this half term is 'the IT we can find around us'. In Online Safety, pupils will give examples of issues online that might make someone feel sad, worried, uncomfortable or frightened and will give examples of how they might get help.

Art

In Art, pupils will enquire how can we become open, curious, explorers of the world, and use what we find to inspire us to make art?

RE

In RE, Y1/2 will consider 'who made the world'. Pupils will recognise that 'Creation' is the beginning of the 'big story' of the Bible. By the end of the unit, pupils will explain what the story tells Christians about God, Creation and the world.