Year 2: Autumn 1 Curriculum Overview - You, me, us!

Maths

As Mathmeticians, we will be kick starting the year by mastering our understanding of numbers up to 100. In particular, we will be able to represent 2-digit numbers in many different ways and be able to order them from smallest to greatest. We will then apply this knowledge to adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers efficiently by using the place value column method. We will also be revising counting forwards and backwards from any given number in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Writing

As Writers, the children will be learning to retell the well known tale 'The Town Mouse and The Country Mouse'. They will be shocked in the first week to find a little mouse has set up home in their classroom! Once they are familar with the text, they will innovate the ending of the story using their writer's toolkit. The SPAG focus will be using adjectives, beginning to understand speech punctuation and varing sentence openers.

Science

As Scientists, the children will explore animal life cycles and survival by investigating how animals (including humans) grow, change and meet their basic needs. The children will also learn about how to stay hygienic and healthy.

History

As Historians, children will be learning about monarchs, including their roles, coronations, and how power has changed over time. They are also developing historical skills by using sources to find out about William the Conqueror, exploring how he ruled, how castles changed, and comparing past and present monarchies.

Computing

In Computing, children will be learning what a computer is, how its parts work together, and how technology follows instructions to produce an output. They are also developing practical skills such as word processing, creating and labelling images, taking photos with greater control, and exploring how computers are used in the wider world.

PE

PE is on Mondays and Fridays for Packham Class and Mondays and Thursdays for Potter Class. Please ensure the children come to school in their Henhurst PE kit (Henhurst PE top with black shorts/joggers depending on the weather and black trainers). Miss Carter and Miss Prees will be teaching fundamentals. Mr Furniss will be teaching health and fitness.

PSHE

In PSHE, we kick start the year with learning about the Zones of Regulation. We discuss ways of regulating that are safe including our regulation station in the classroom. We will then be understanding how everyday choices support health and wellbeing by exploring the effects of movement, sleep, food and drink on the body.

Music

As Musicians, the children will be learning to listen carefully to music, identify instruments, and respond through movement and discussion. They are also developing practical skills by creating sounds and rhythms, reading simple notation, composing short pieces, and performing confidently as part of a group.

RE

In RE, the children are learning about gratitude by exploring how Christians and Hindus celebrate harvest and express thanks to God through worship, stories, songs and symbols. They are also developing skills to ask thoughtful questions, share their own ideas and opinions, and compare similarities and differences between religions and worldviews.

DT

In DT, the children will learning about healthy eating by exploring the five food groups, what makes a balanced diet, and how different ingredients can be combined to create tasty wraps. They are also developing practical skills such as chopping, grating, snipping, spreading, and evaluating their food designs against a plan.

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Numbots – to practise number sense daily. Spend 5 minutes a day on Numbots to work through the challenges and become more fluent in addition and subtraction

Mathletics

Mathletics – to build on class learning and strengthen maths skills. Log on to Mathletics regularly to complete set tasks set or explore the Year 2 curriculum

EdShed
Phonics and Spelling

EdShed – to practise weekly spellings through fun games. Play on EdShed several times a week to rehearse spellings in fun, interactive ways.

Numbots challenge – Log on for 5 minutes a day	Counting challenge - count forwards and backwards from 0-100 accurately	Counting challenge - count forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s	Number fact challenge: compose the numbers 6, 7, 8 and 9 using a '5 and a bit' structure e.g. '6 is made of 5 and 1, 5 and 1 make 6'.
Spelling Shed challenge - Log on for 5 minutes a day	Handwriting challenge - practise forming your lower case letters correctly using the Henhurst Handwriting script (please ask for a copy if you need one)	Writing challenge - choose a sentence from your reading book, remember it and see if you can write it without looking. Then, check for errors!	Writing challenge - use two adjectives to describe a noun in a simple sentence e.g. The scary, black cat jumped.
Create an 'all about me' box to share with your class	Rainbow plate challenge - prepare a meal or snack with fruits and vegetables of all different colours	Make a paper crown and decorate it how ever you like!	Make a timeline of your own significant life events
Create a musical instrument from recycled resources	Reading challenge - read your reading book at least 5 times a week	Science challenge - create a life cycle diagram of an animal that changes a lot from young to adulthood e.g. a butterfly	Science challenge - create a lige cycle diagram of each stage of the human life cycle

History - What is a monarch?

battle	A fight between two armies.
conquer	To take control of a country.
defend	To resist an attack
invade	To take over a country.
power (monarchy)	To have control.
ruler	The person in charge of a country or kingdom.
king*	A man who rules a country or area.
queen*	A woman who rules a country or area.
monarchy*	A country that has king or queen.

Bayeux tapestry



A long piece of decorated fabric that tells the story of the Norman Conquest of England in 1066.

William the Conqueror, 1066



King Charles III, 2022



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Coronation



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A special religious ceremony where a new king or queen is crowned.

Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation, 1953.

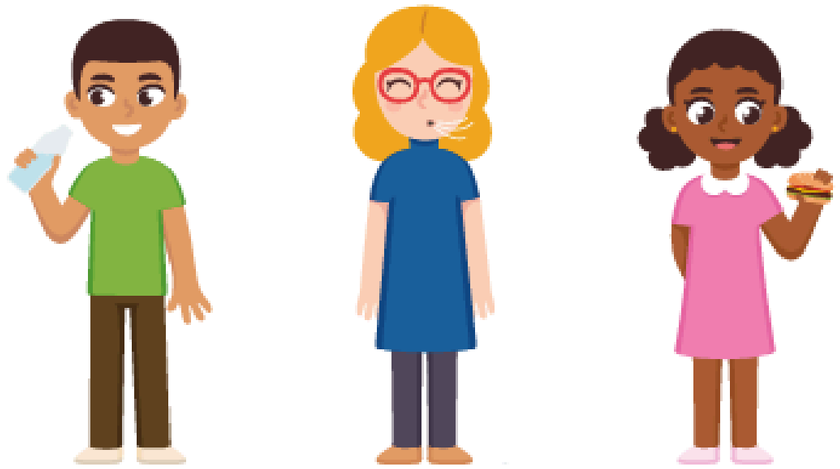
Science - Life cycles and health

Human life cycle



baby toddler child teenager adult

Basic needs for survival



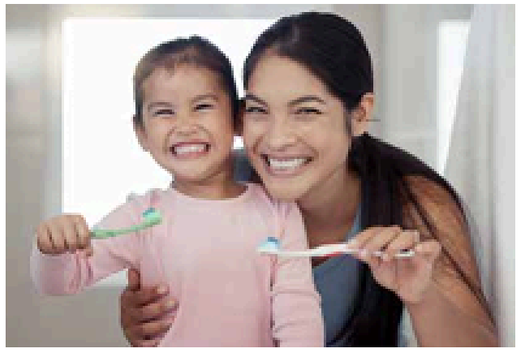
water air food

Personal hygiene









health	How the body feels.
hygiene	Keeping things clean.
life cycle	The stages an animal goes through to become an adult.
offspring	Young animals or plants produced by parents.
survive	To continue to live.