

Year Two

2025-2026

Autumn One Topic Through the Magic Mirror Autumn Two Topic Take to the Skies



Homework This year homework books will go home on **Thursdays** and needs to be returned on **Tuesdays** with both of your child's reading books. On the inside cover of your child's homework book will be their TTrackstars login this term we will focus on recall of the 2 and 10 times tables we will also use a paper based version of this app in class most **Friday** mornings. Spellings for the week will go home on **Mondays** and knowledge will be checked the following week.

English Our first writing unit focuses on character descriptions based on *Leon and the Place Between*. Pupils will develop their ability to revise and enhance their writing, with an emphasis on selecting precise noun phrases. We will conclude the term with animal poetry. After the October half term, we will write in role as Mae Jemison, inspired by the text *Look Up* for Black History Month. Finally, we will explore the fiction text, *Funny Bums and Freaky Beaks* leading to writing our own non-chronological animal reports.

Phonics We will continue with daily phonics sessions, following our monster phonics scheme. We will continue with paired reading three times per week.

Art During our art unit this term we will be able to use a range of materials creatively. As well as develop a wide range of techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape form and space. We will do this whilst learning about Yayoi Kusama.

Design Technology Pupils will explore a variety of puppets, identifying and labelling their features. Pupils will design and make a puppet for a particular purpose. At the end of the process pupils will evaluate their puppet.

Geography This term, children will compare Liverpool with a contrasting UK locality. By the end of the unit children should know that Liverpool is a city, whereas Grasmere is a small village in a rural area of the Lake District. Pupils in the second Autumn term will then look beyond the United Kingdom and explore continents and oceans.



PHSE We will have weekly lessons which will start by looking at the unit *Being Me in my World!* and then before Christmas we will look at *Celebrating Our Difference*. Our PHSE lessons aim to help children know and value who they really are and how they relate to other people in this ever-changing world.

Maths During our daily maths lessons, pupils will focus on three main units throughout the Autumn term. We will begin with place value, ensuring children develop a solid understanding of the number system. Following this, we will move on to addition and subtraction, where pupils will use a variety of methods and resources to build fluency and problem-solving skills. Before Christmas, we will explore shape, focusing on the properties and recognition of both 2D and 3D shapes.

Mastery Maths Four mornings a week, pupils will take part in a whole-class interactive session. This structured approach supports children in developing a deep and secure understanding of key mathematical concepts. The daily sessions are designed to reinforce and consolidate learning.

Science During our weekly science lessons, pupils will explore the topic of materials, exploring the work of Charles Macintosh; to understand how the properties of materials can be altered. We will involve practical activities examining the effects of squashing, bending, twisting, and stretching. In the second half of the term, our focus will shift to living things and their habitats. We are planning a special visit from some flying creatures too!

Computing Pupils will learn how to identify a computer and its different parts and talk about the role computers display in our society. After the half term, pupils will then build on their knowledge of what an algorithm is and how we can programme computers to use algorithms.

Physical Education Over the course of the first term we will explore a dance unit, this will then be followed by indoor athletics in the run up to Christmas.

Music pupils will: clap the rhythm of their name, sing the melodies accurately as well as describing the dynamics & timbre.

Religious Education Throughout the term we will be developing our knowledge and understanding of the Islamic faith. We will explore stories and during inter-faith week we will ask questions to our visitors.