



# Year 2 Curriculum Overview

## Summer Term 1 2023-24

### Key Vocabulary

compass navigate seasons germination dispersal investigation evaluate  
timbre dynamics tempo fractions clockwise anti-clockwise half quarter

### English

In English we will be focusing on 'Character Flaw' stories and Information Texts. The children will be:

- Use 'boxing-up' grids to plan
- Understand the 5 parts to a story
- Vary openers to sentences, use powerful verbs, adverbs, similes, onomatopoeia, exclamation marks and question marks

When looking at the Information texts they will use a 3-part structure to the text (an opening which introduces the reader to the subject / chunks of information / a conclusion with an amazing fact).

### Maths

We will be covering the following topics:

- Fractions – the children will use the terms equal, unequal, part and whole. They will learn to recognise and find a half, a quarter, a third and three quarters.
- Position and Direction – the children will use the language of position and movement. They will explore 'turns' including quartet, half, full and three-quarter turns. They will recognise clockwise and anti-clockwise turns.

### Science

Our topic this half term will be Growing Plants and we will be learning to:

- Understand that different seeds grow into different plants and to describe them
- Understand that plants can be grown from bulbs
- Be able to explain why and how seeds are dispersed
- Plan, carry out and evaluate an investigation into the conditions that affect germination
- Observe and describe how a plant changes as it matures

### History and Geography

In Geography this half term our topic will be At the Farm and we will be learning to:

- Explore what farms are and why they are important
- Be able to use a map and symbols to navigate around a farm
- Explore how the seasons affect life on a farm
- Explore the differences between life on a farm and life in a town

### RE / SMSC

Our RE topic for this half term is 'Who is God to Sanatanis?' The children will explore the theme of Brahman as one supreme being in everything and everywhere. They will discuss how a person may show different parts of their personality to different people and relate that to the Sanatani belief in the Trimurti.

Our PSHE topic is Relationships. The children will be learning about making friends, solving friendships problems when they occur, how to show respect to others and how to express appreciation within their relationships.

### Art and DT

In DT this half term the children will be investigating and making puppets. They will learn to:

- Investigate a range of puppets and their features
- To be able to work with fabric to create a finger puppet
- To develop and practise sewing skills
- To be able to design a glove puppet
- To be able to follow a design to make a puppet
- To be able to evaluate a finished product

### P.E.

In P.E. this half term the children will be developing their invasion skills and fitness. They will learn to:

- Apply simple tactics for attacking and defending such as scoring and defending goals and gaining possession.
- Explore exercises to develop coordination, stamina, strength, agility and balance.

### Computing

The focus for our computing lessons this half term is coding using the Espresso program. Children will learn to programme algorithms to make objects move and debug broken algorithms. We will also have a session about using the internet safely.

### Music

This half term our topic is 'Dynamics, Tempo and Timbre.' The children will learn to:

- Recognising timbre changes in the music they listen to.
- Begin to use musical vocabulary to describe music
- Create and perform simple melodies