



Year 1/2

Spring Term 24/25

RE

In RE, we will be finding out that, for Christians, Sunday is the special day of the week. It is the day on which Jesus rose from the dead and is considered to be a day of rest. We will also find out about **Pentecost** - a special celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit, through whom the risen life of Jesus is given.

In addition, we will spend time learning about the Islamic faith.

English

In English, we will be reading a range of 'Traditional Tales', becoming familiar with the language of stories and narrative writing.

We will be writing our own stories as well as 'recounts', using the traditional tales as our basis.

Y1 & 2 will continue to work on Phonic & Spelling knowledge daily.

Maths

Maths this half term will focus on 'Measures', including length, mass, capacity and time. We will then move to Geometry, looking closely at the properties of 2d and 3d shapes and using key vocabulary to describe features e.g. edges, vertices, faces.

We will continue to develop our times table knowledge with daily Times Table Rockstar practice.

History

In history, Y1 and 2 will develop an awareness of the past, using words and phrases related to the passing of time. We will focus particularly on The Great Fire of Gateshead, placing events on a timeline.

Science

Science this term will focus on gaining an understanding of what it means to be alive through the seven criteria for organisms (MRS GREN). These criteria begin to be applied, with support, to make decisions about things that are no longer alive or have never been alive. Organisms begin to be sorted into habitats, touching on how they have adapted over time. Food chains within habitats are introduced too, through practical activities and simple examples relevant to humans.

PE

PE Day will be **THURSDAY**

We will introduce **TENNIS**, working on our ball skills, and beginning to use a tennis racquet to return the ball to our partner

Computing

Y1/2 will be introduced to early programming concepts. We will explore using individual commands, both with friends and as part of a computer program. We will identify what each command for the floor robot does, and use that knowledge to start predicting the outcome of programs

Music

Year 1/2 will be working with Music Partnership North, developing our music knowledge with instrumental tuition. We will be learning specific techniques to play the djembe.

Homework

Reading books will be changed weekly, on a Monday. Please continue to send reading folders into school daily. Please do try to read at home as much as possible! Please continue to access Reading Eggs and Rockstars/Numbots at home—if you need any password reminders, please just ask.

Spellings and Times Table Rockstars will come home on a Friday, and be followed by a 'Class Challenge' the following Friday. Please support your child at home by spending time looking at spellings and times tables together.