

# Year 2

# This is Britain



## English

We will be reading 'The Enormous Crocodile' in English. The children will produce a character description and a diary entry. To create these, we will be focusing on the following skills:

- Identifying features of different text types.
- Writing a description of a character.
- Developing expanded noun phrases.
- Exploring potential meanings of unfamiliar vocabulary.
- Summarising key points.
- Predict what might happen in a story using evidence.
- Use knowledge of the alphabet to locate words in a dictionary.
- Editing and redrafting our work using the schools marking code.
- Identifying the features of a diary entry.

## Maths

In mathematics, we will be focusing this half-term on place value, addition and subtraction.

This term Year 2 children will learn to:

- Count in steps of 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s.
- Compare and order numbers using  $<$ ,  $>$  and  $=$  signs.
- Read and write numbers up to at least 100.
- Recognise the place value of each digit in a two digit number.
- Add and subtract numbers using concrete objects, pictorial representations and mentally.
- Show that the addition of two numbers can be done in any order and subtraction of one number from another cannot.

Please encourage your child to go over the 2, 5 and 10 times tables on a daily basis.

## Science

In Science, Year 2 will be learning about different materials.

Children will be:

- Identifying and comparing the suitability of a variety of everyday materials.
- Identifying materials that objects are made from.
- Explaining the differences between an object and what it's made from.
- To ask questions about the uses of different materials.
- Describe the properties of objects.
- Describe the properties of a material.
- Suggesting different ways to carry out investigations.

## Opportunities for SMSC

In Year 2 the children will:

- Learn about how their behaviour may effect how other people feel.
- In PSHCE children will be learning about individuality and what makes them special.
- In class discussions, children will learn how to be respectful and courteous when challenging each other's opinions.

## Value of the Term

**Resilience**

### Topic

In Topic, we will be learning about Britain and where we are in relation to the rest of the world. Teaching will cover the following skills:

- Exploring the United Kingdom and understand what country and city they live in.
- Understanding location within the local area.
- Using aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features.
- Using locational/directional language (near, far, left, right, north, south, east, west) to describe the location of features on a map.
- Talking about and describe the function of features and landmarks within a locality
- Drawing simple maps of our area and use basic symbols in a key
- Talking about and comparing features of the local area
- Carrying out a small local survey, e.g. traffic, litter, land use

### Art

In art, the children will be drawing and painting their own portraits. They will learn to:

- Use crayons to create different textures.
- Identify different textures and patterns that they will use.
- Use sketching pencils to draw the first draft of their space shuttle.
- Use sketching pencils to outline the features of a face.
- Explore sketching techniques.
- Draw for a sustained period of time from the figure and real objects, including single and grouped objects.
- Experiment with the visual elements; line, shape, pattern and colour.
- Mix a range of primary colours.
- Experiment with tools and techniques.
- Name different types of paint.

### Computing

In ICT, children will be learning how to keep safe online and will be introduced to the ICT Suite.

Children will be learning:

- How to be Safety SMART.
- How to log onto a computer.
- How to use a mouse to open programs.
- How to use the functions on a keyboard.

### P.E.

In PE this term, we will be learning gymnastics and a variety of games. Children will be learning to:

- Move in different pathways in a range of ways through standing and using one or more of the feet and hands or whole body.
- Learn how to control a ball and develop the skills needed to successfully play a variety of ball games.

### PSHCE

Our topic this term is about 'You and me'. During this topic children will:

- Learn the importance of feeling positive about themselves and others.
- Recognise positive and negative relationships.
- Think about others and appreciate the ways we are all similar and different.
- To be aware of the diversity of people around the world.

### How you can help your child at home

It is important that the learning that has taken place at school is consolidated at home. Please remember to:

- Practice the 2, 5 and 10 x tables with your child.
- Read with your child at home and sign their reading record.
- Ensure your child's homework is completed on time.
- Practice forming letters correctly with your child.