



## CONNECTED LEARNING

This term's 'Imaginative Learning Project' has a geography and history focus — Year 2 will be learning about our neighbouring community. They will be creating their own maps and stepping back in time to look at how the local area has changed over the last 40 years.

In meeting the programmes of study for the geography and history National Curriculum, children will use the breadth of the curriculum to:

- Describe and explain how people, places and events in their own locality have changed over time.
- Describe changes in the local area during their own lifetime, and that of their parents and grandparents
- Draw simple maps and plans, using a key.
- Suggest ways of improving the local environment.

## CONNECTED WRITING

As writers, Year 2 will be using a number of key texts including: 'The Smartest Giant in Town', 'On the Way Home' and 'Belonging'. Using these as our inspiration, we will write character descriptions, stories and letters.

As readers, Year 2 will build on their phonics knowledge to develop their reading fluency and increase their vocabulary. In class, we will start by retrieving answers from a text. We will do this using a wide range of texts and pictures.

Also, daily phonics and spelling sessions will support the children further in both their reading and writing.

## KEY VOCABULARY

- community
- investigate
- survey
- geographer
- historian
- man-made
- natural



## MATHS

As mathematicians, Gem Class will begin by building on their knowledge of place value up to 100. Children will be counting in 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's. Additionally, they will also develop their mental skills, using the BPods to practise their arithmetic (+, -, x).

Using mathematical vocabulary, Year 2 will describe the properties of numbers.



### RE

This term our big question will be 'Do faiths have super heroes?'

The children will read a number of stories from different faiths and show their understanding through drama, art or DT.

### PSHE

In PSHE, Gem will be using the text 'The Colour Monster' to explore feelings. First, the class will be exploring their own feelings. Then, children will describe both positive and negative feelings and develop their oracy by explaining how bad feelings can be turned into good feelings.

### HISTORY

As historians, Year 2 will learn about the local area and look at photographs of changes over time. They will develop their vocabulary further by learning terms associated with the past, such as century, decade and year.

They will think about the changes that have taken place during their own lifetime and that of their parents and grandparents.



### PE

As sportspeople, Gem will work with a sports coach to develop their skills. As well as running, they will also improve their catching, balancing and throwing ability.

PE is on a Thursday. Appropriate kit must be worn to school on that day.

### SCIENCE

As Scientists, Year 2 will name a range of everyday materials and group materials according to their properties. They will identify the material an object is made from and give reasons why a material has been used. They will look specifically at the materials used to build homes and look at how this has changed over time.



### ART/DT

As designers, Gem Class will be designing their own 'Colour Monster' finger puppet, before using tools safely to cut and join materials. They will use a running stitch to join the material together and glue to add the details.

As artists, they will be developing their drawing skills by using line and tone to draw shape, pattern and texture to re-create sketches of houses in the local area.

### GEOGRAPHY



As geographers, the children will use a range of maps, Google Earth and photographs to understand the physical and human geography of our neighbourhood.

Children will have the opportunity to draw simple maps and plans that include symbols for a key.

They will also develop their oracy further, by discussing ways that they could improve the local area.

### FAMILY LEARNING

It is expected that children read at home every week.

To begin with, books will be sent home each Friday.

We will also be checking to see which children have been playing on Numbots at home too!

#### Suggested websites:

- ❖ [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)
- ❖ [www.teachyourmonstertoread.com](http://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com)
- ❖ [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary)
- ❖ [www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk](http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk)