

Unsinkable

Children will focus on a significant event in history: the sinking of the Titanic. In Science, children will examine everyday materials and their different uses with links to their properties e.g. buoyancy. In History, children will learn that the past is constructed from a range of sources and is represented in different ways. In Art, children will create a sculpture fit for the first-class cabins. In D&T, children will design and make a replica of the Titanic, drawing on its key features. In Computing, children will use search engines effectively to find answers to historical questions.

English

We will begin our Unsinkable unit writing a losing tale based on the book 'The Tear Thief'. We will develop our understanding of the sinking of the Titanic and writing a diary entry from the passengers' perspective. Finally, we will be looking at the poem 'Chocolate Cake' by Michael Rosen and writing our own delicious poem inspired by this!

Maths

As Mathematicians, we will be continuing our 'Numbers to 100' unit looking at addition and subtraction to 100. We will be recapping how to use the column method to add and subtract using practical apparatus to support us. After this, we will be moving onto Money by recognising the basic coins and notes. We will then move onto adding and subtracting money.

Reading

We will be working on developing our reading skills of prediction, inference and retrieval. We will also be exploring the authors use of vocabulary and using our explaining skills. We will be exploring texts including The Proudest Blue, Pumpkin Soup, Magic Porridge Pot, The Day and The Invisible. Year 2 is an important year to develop your reading. Please ensure you are reading regularly at home to develop these skills further.

Year 2 Spring 1 Curriculum Overview

Music

As Musicians, we will explore the topic 'Our Land' and 'Water'. We will learn to sing and play a musical instrument, explore tempo, timbre, and appropriate musical notations and listen to, review, and evaluate music, including the works of the great composers.

PSHE

In PSHE, our topic is 'My Friends and Me'. We will know how to make friends and be a good friend. We will discuss what to do when we feel lonely and how to resolve arguments. We will understand and recognise why someone needs help and what we can do.

PE

Our PE day in Year 2 is every Tuesday and Wednesday. Please ensure your PE kit is in school and labelled. In PE, we will be working with Burton Albion Community Trust on net and wall skills. We will also be developing our dance and movement skills.

RE

In RE, we will be focusing on the topic 'Who was Buddha?'. We will look at who Buddha was, religious symbols, Buddhist parable, worship and Vesak celebrations.