

<u>Year Two Curriculum Overview</u>	<u>Autumn One Half Term</u>	<u>Learning Focus: Tales with a Twist</u>
English - Phonics	To tailor our phonics teaching to the needs of all our children, every child has been assessed on their phonics knowledge. Children will be revising the sounds taught in Phase 3 and 5 of Letters and Sounds focusing on segmenting and blending words containing these sounds. Children will continue to have a banded book and free choice book sent home.	
English - Writing	Following the school's Talk 4 Writing approach to the teaching of writing, children will focus on 'tales with a twist' this half term. For our fiction unit, children will learn the story of "Pretty Salma". Children will learn the class story map and use ideas from the map to form a narrative with correctly punctuated sentences. Children will then write instructions based on the story of Pretty Salma.	
Mathematics	In mathematics, children will focus on number and place value within one hundred. They will begin by revisiting the tens and ones in numbers to twenty. They will then extend this to numbers to fifty and then one hundred. They will then apply their knowledge to compare and order numbers as well as counting in multiples of twos, fives and tens.	
Science	The focus for this half term will be animals including humans. Children will learn about the basic needs of all animals for survival and be introduced to the processes of reproduction and growth in animals. They will also learn about the importance of exercise and nutrition for humans.	
History	In history, children will learn about how methods of communication have developed throughout time. Children will learn about famous inventors such as William Claxton who brought the first printing press to England, Tim Berners-Lee who invented the World Wide Web and Alexander Graham Bell who invented the first telephone.	
Art	Children will focus on the work of Bridget Riley and her unique optical art work. Once they have studied her portfolio, children will recreate some of the effects through exploring different lines using a range of media.	
Computing	Our focus for this half term will be on e-safety. Children will learn about rules for keeping personal information private and why some information we find online may not always be true. Children will also learn who they should speak to if they feel sad, worried, uncomfortable or frightened when using devices.	
Music	As part of our music curriculum, children will explore rhythm and pulse. They will learn about the patterns of long and short sounds and how symbols can represent rhythmic patterns and rest.	
PE	In PE children will work with Chris our sports coach to develop their football skills in a range of different competitive and cooperative physical activities. Children will also be given an introduction to the range of different PE equipment and apparatus children will use throughout Year Two.	
PSHE	Our focus for the half term will be on families, friendships and safe relationships. Children will learn about the importance of friendships. Children will also learn how to resolve arguments between friends and the different types of bullying.	
RE	Children will build on their learning in Year One to explore further what Christians believe God is like through the story of Jonah. They will explore what Christians might learn about God from the story and how Christians believe God is loving, kind, fair and forgiving, and also lord and king. In addition, children will also learn about the importance of the Torah to Jewish people and make connections between the Torah and the part of the Bible that Christians call the 'Old Testament'.	