

<u>Year Two Curriculum Overview</u>	<u>Autumn Two Half Term</u>	<u>Learning Focus: Castles and Christmas</u>
English - Phonics	Children will continue to re-visit Phase 5 sounds from the Letters and Sounds Scheme. There will be a particular focus on segmenting and blending both real and nonsense words, using sound buttons to support children. Children will also look at alternative pronunciations for different graphemes and digraphs.	
English - Writing	Following the school's Talk 4 Writing approach to the teaching of writing, children will focus on the fiction text: The Very Last Castle. Children will learn and write the story using a story map and actions. Children will also write a recount of their experiences at Forest School, as well as retelling the Christmas Story.	
Mathematics	In mathematics, children will focus on addition and subtraction recognising that part + part= whole and whole - part = part. Children will continue to learn their number bonds to twenty and use this knowledge to support them working to 100. Children will learn different strategies for adding and subtracting a 2-digit number and 1-digit number, and two 2-digit numbers.	
Science	The focus for this half term will be materials. Children will identify and compare the suitability of a variety of materials for particular uses and also discuss why some materials might not be suited to specific uses. Children will also investigate how some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching	
Geography	In geography, children will be learning all about the United Kingdom. Children will research and find out about the different countries in the United Kingdom and research each country's flag. Children will also learn about the capital cities, patron saints and national flowers of England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.	
Art/DT	Children will focus on learning the skills needed to sew to create a surprise product! Children will look at different examples to inspire their designs and then practise different sewing techniques and stitches to create their finished product. The children will then evaluate their designs.	
Computing	Our focus for this half term will be on algorithms. Algorithms are a set of instructions that describe how to perform a task using a device. Children will need to give step by step instructions to command a computer based 'sprite' to reach the desired outcome.	
Music	As part of our music curriculum, children will learn and perform our Christmas Nativity songs.	
PE	In PE children will work with Chris, our sports coach, and focus on developing children's fitness. Children will develop their co-ordination, control and accuracy across many different disciplines such as throwing, catching, running and jumping. Children will also learn tennis skills where they will practice basic forehand and backhand strokes to complete a rally over the net.	
PSHE	Our focus for the half term will be on respect. Children will discuss how we can play and work cooperatively and share our opinions. We will also discuss how people may feel if they experience hurtful behaviour or bullying and how to report bullying by talking to trusted adults.	
RE	Children will learn about Jewish traditions associated with the celebration of Hanukkah. They will understand the story behind Hanukkah and the importance of light in representing the presence of God. Children will also build on their knowledge of why Christmas is important to Christians and how the Bible highlights this extraordinary event.	