

<u>Year Two Curriculum Overview</u>	<u>Spring One Half Term</u>	<u>Learning Focus: Bostin' Birmingham Landmarks</u>
English - Phonics	Children will focus on alternative pronunciations for phase 5 sounds. These will include alternative sounds for vowels and consonants. Please check the Year Two section of the weekly newsletter to find out which sounds your child will be learning in school.	
English - Writing	Following the school's Talk 4 Writing approach to the teaching of writing, children will learn the features of a finding tale using their developing knowledge of Birmingham landmarks. They will also be writing a persuasive letter to our local MP on their ideas of how to improve Birmingham.	
Mathematics	In mathematics, children will learn to add and subtract two-digit numbers using their number bonds and the column method. Children will learn to recognise and use coins and notes to compare amounts and learn to give change. Children will also begin to learn about multiplication where the focus will be on equal groups and using arrays.	
Science	Our science teaching will cover the effect and importance of exercise on our bodies, linking with our work in PE. How we can stay healthy and the importance of hygiene will be discussed. We will also learn about different animal groups and the life cycles of common animals including mammals and birds.	
Geography	In geography, children will be using their developing knowledge about Birmingham to compare the human and physical features of towns and countryside. We will study maps of the locality and then create our own maps using keys.	
Computing	Our focus for this half term will be on creating an E-book using computer software. Children will make their own booklet about something that is special to them, combining photos and text to form a digital booklet.	
PE	In PE children will work with Chris, our sports coach, and focus on developing children's gymnastics and games skills. Children will learn techniques to improve their co-ordination with a racquet and perform a range of strokes and catches. In gymnastics, children will develop control and agility using a range of different apparatus and equipment.	
PSHE	Our focus for the half term will be on belonging to our community and the different roles people have. Children will discuss our shared responsibilities and how different members of our society have different needs and how we can help them.	
RE	In RE, children will discuss the question of whether our world is a fair place. We will read about what the Bible teaches us about respect and fairness. We will also learn about how a Mosque is a special place for Muslims.	