

Elstow School - Curriculum Overview for Year 2, Spring Term

English

This term we will be using the texts Lila and the Secret of Rain and One Day on our Blue Planet. We will be exploring the characters and settings within these stories. The children will learn how to use inference skills to make predictions. Both texts will provide opportunities to write narrative pieces where they will continue to use conjunctions and noun phrases to give their work more detail. We will also be writing non-chronological reports about animals.

Integrated into all of our English lessons is the importance of grammar and developing the children's understanding of key areas of this.

This term we will be focusing on spelling patterns and basic punctuation. The children need to consistently show a good understanding of capital letters and full stops.

Art & Design

This half term the children will be looking at Self-Portraits. We will learn how to draw faces accurately and develop our use of colour. We will consider how artists represent themselves and study the famous artist Picasso.

Computing

We will begin the term looking at programming and algorithms. This will include using beebots and programming tools.

We will learn about branching databases and presenting data using technology.

The children will design and make animations. We will also consider the importance of being kind online.

Mathematics

We will begin the term by revising place value, before moving onto data handling.

We will then learn multiplication and division using repeated addition and arrays. The children will then learn to multiply and divide numbers using different approaches.

Towards the end of this half term we will be telling the time to the nearest five minutes.

Over the term we will also be adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers. The children will be developing their understanding of fractions. This includes fractions of shapes and quantities.

The children will also learn how to read scales.

Phonics

This year children will continue to develop their phonic knowledge. Some children will continue to learn decoding skills using alternative phonemes and graphemes.

The children who are working within Phase 6 will begin to learn spelling patterns. Weekly spelling will be sent out on a Monday and will be tested the following Monday.

Geography

After half term, we will be learning about the countries that form Northern Europe.

We will be studying the human and physical features of Northern Europe as well as the climate and animals from that area. The children will learn about the explorer Roald Amundsen.

PSHE

This term we will be focusing on goals and aspirations. We will think about the steps we need to take in order to reach our goals.

The children will also have the opportunity to participate in acts of kindness.

Music

This term we will be celebrating rock music. We will learn to play untuned instruments and prepare for a vocal performance. The children will develop an understanding of pitch, rhythm and pulse. After half term we will be studying reggae music.

Science

In Science children will be looking at the human body. We will learn about the skeleton, different muscles and the digestive system.

We will also learn about circulation, the nervous system and protecting our bodies from germs.

After half term, we will be learning about solids, liquids and gases.

Please refer to the website for key facts and vocabulary.

History

This term we will be studying the Romans. The children will begin by learning about the Roman Empire and the large Roman army.

During the topic we will also learn about the Boudicca's rebellion, the invasion of Britain and Roman towns.

This exciting topic will also teach the children about Hadrian's Wall.

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Physical

Education

Our PE lessons take place on Mondays and Thursdays. It is expected that children come to school already dressed in their PE kit on these days. This term we will be doing gymnastics and ball skills. We will continue to learn about healthy bodies. Every day we will take part in the Daily Mile.

Religious

Education

In RE we will be studying sacred stories of different religions.

The children will also be learning about celebrating special times.