

Curriculum Newsletter 2025-26

Class: Teak/Whitebeam

Term: Autumn 1



Being a Reader



This term, Year 2 will be reading *A Book of Bears* by Katie Viggers, learning all about different types of bears and where they live. We'll be building reading skills through fun activities, linking our learning to geography and science. Children will also continue with daily phonics and spelling sessions and will carry on progressing through the Little Wandle reading programme.

Being an Author



This term, Year 2 pupils will explore the story *Jim and the Beanstalk* by Raymond Briggs, using it as inspiration to retell narratives and create their own fairy tale sequels. Through imaginative activities and writing tasks, children will develop storytelling skills, experiment with dialogue and reflect on themes like kindness and helping others.

Being a Philosopher



Pupils will learn about Shabbat, exploring how Jewish families celebrate this special day of rest through traditions, food, prayer, and time together.

We will explore the concept of belonging by learning about mosques and how prayer and shared traditions help Muslims feel part of a community.

Being a Mathematician



This term in math's, pupils will deepen their understanding of place value by exploring how numbers are made up of tens and ones, and how to represent, compare, and manipulate them. They'll practice counting to 100 and beyond, estimating positions on number lines, and solving problems using addition and subtraction of two-digit numbers.

Being a Scientist



Children will learn how to make healthy choices by exploring food groups, understanding what our bodies need to grow, and checking food labels. They will discover the importance of regular exercise and investigate how our bodies change before and after physical activity. The children will learn how keeping clean helps us stay healthy.

Being an Athlete



Year 2 pupils will be developing key ball skills such as throwing, catching, kicking, and dribbling, while learning to work independently and in teams.

Being a Musician



This term, Year 2 pupils will explore folk songs from around the British Isles, learning to sing in rounds and perform with expression and texture. Through engaging lessons, they'll develop musical skills such as identifying pulse and rhythm, improvising patterns, and performing as an ensemble

Being a Historian



Children will explore the Gunpowder Plot, learning about Guy Fawkes and the key events that led to Bonfire Night. By the end of the topic, children will compare Bonfire Night traditions and understand how and why they differ in different parts of the country.

Being an Artist



Children will discover the artist Vincent Van Gogh and explore the lines, shapes, and textures in his drawings. They will practice mixing colours, drawing from different perspectives, and using a variety of lines to create their own still life artwork.

Being a Citizen



Year 2 are learning all about friendship—what it means to be a good friend, how to ask for help, and how to resolve conflicts kindly. We will explore how friendships make us feel safe and happy.

Being a Computer Scientist



Children will explore the fundamentals of programming by designing and debugging simple algorithms to control a spaceship sprite using Scratch, building on their prior learning.