



Godmanchester Bridge Academy
Year 2 Curriculum Focus - Autumn



English

In English this term, the children will have a range of writing opportunities. We will begin the term by looking at a fable called *The Crow's Tale*. Throughout this unit, the children will be learning how to write expanded noun phrases to describe the Crow's journey to the sun. After that, we will be looking at writing an interview. The children will learn about Neil Armstrong and use their knowledge to create an interview. After half term, we will use a Christmas Advert called 'The Supporting Act' to write a story. This is about a girl who wants to enter a talent show contest and practises her dance routine daily. When she gets to perform, she gets stage fright. Finally, we will look at writing a biography about Grace Darling.

Maths

This term the children will have many opportunities to explore mathematical concepts. We start our learning with place value where the children learn how to make numbers to 100 and partition them. Next, we will look at addition and subtraction where the children will use a range of manipulatives and written methods to add and subtract a range of 2 and 1 digit numbers. Later on in the half term, we will be looking at the properties of 2d and 3d shapes.

Science

Our science topics this term will be *Everyday Materials*. The children will identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal and plastic for particular uses. They will learn that objects can be made of one or more materials that are chosen specifically for their suitability. We will explore which materials can change shape through practical investigations.

Foundation Subjects

History - We will be learning about schools in the past. The children will explore what schools were like in 1900, 1920s and 1960s. We will end our unit by deciding if the children would prefer to go to school in the past or present.

Geography - We will be answering the question— Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place? The children will explore North and South Pole, Kenya and the UK. They will learn facts about the places and then choose which place they would like to live in.

Art - We are learning about maps. The children will draw a map of their journey to school. They will choose sections of their map and turn it into a collage showing different skills. They will make felt, use tissue paper and colouring pencils to create an abstract map.

DT - We will be learning about structures. We will use this knowledge to help build a chair for Baby Bear.

PSHE - We will be learning about rights, rules and responsibilities. Then we will be moving onto looking at families and friends.

RE - We will be learning about the religion of Christianity, in particular, kindness. We will be thinking about whether it is possible to show kindness all the time. After half term, we will be looking at Christmas and what the birth of Jesus means to Christians.

PE - We will be learning to create a movement phrase in indoor PE that shows the friendship between a penguin and a snowman. In outdoor PE the children will be developing their fundamental skills. After half term, the children will learn how to make ball, wall and tall shapes in gymnastics. We will also further develop their fundamental skills.

Computing - We will be learning about online safety. We will learn how we can ourselves safe when using the internet. We will also explore parts of a computer and what they do.

Music—We will be learning

Additional Information & Reminders:

Please check Class Dojo for PE Days.

Water bottles are needed in school everyday.