



First Tower Curriculum Overview Year 2 Spring 2024

We have enjoyed getting to know your children over the past term and hope they are enjoying their learning in Year 2. Should you need to contact us about any concerns please call or email the school and we will contact you as soon as possible.

Key information

Year 2 PE days are Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child has appropriate school PE kit (see parent handbook for guidance.) Please do not wear earrings on PE days. Lunch and snack - children should have a healthy snack, no crisps for snack please. Water only in a bottle for during the day - a small juice is allowed in lunch boxes.

Homelearning

Reading- books will be sent home regularly throughout the week. Reading should be everyday (20mins) and indicated by signing the reading record book.

Spelling- children will be allocated spellings every Monday in their pink home learning books. To be returned on a Friday.

Maths- A maths activity will be set weekly. All children have been given logins for Times Table Rock Stars / Numbots.

Maths

We will be learning how to do written addition and subtraction of 2 digit numbers. As well as learning our 2, 5 and 10 times tables and applying our knowledge of multiplication and division. We will continue to work on our understanding and recognition of money and solve problems including finding change. The children will learn about the properties of 2-D and 3-D shapes.

English

Our focus at the start of term was 'take one poem' and we have enjoyed composing our winter poems. We will then be focusing on the story 'The Storm Whale' by Benji Davies. After this, we will be learning about fairy stories as a genre and looking at the traditional story of Rapunzel and comparing it to a more modern version. Then we will be learning about non-fiction books, including their features (for example, glossary, index and contents), how they are laid out and how to find information. We will be using the DKfindout! book 'Sharks'. Throughout the term we will continue to have daily phonics sessions and focus on learning to spell the KS1 common exception words.

Science

Our Science topic this term is 'Plants' and the children will be investigating how seeds and bulbs grow and naming the parts of a flowering plant.

Our first topic this term is called **People From the Past**.

In the topic we will learn:

History- will be focusing on the lives of famous people from the past, including Florence Nightingale and Christopher Columbus.

Our second topic this term is called **Explorers and Adventurers**. We will be learning about famous explorers past and present and will continue developing our map and atlas knowledge and skills.

Additional subjects-

DT and Art learning will be focused on creating a portrait and learning about the work of the famous artist Henri Matisse. The children will then create a pastiche of Matisse, by creating portraits of famous people from the past, inspired by the style of Matisse. In DT our focus is Food and children will learn how to prepare fruit and vegetables.

RE- We will be looking at Islam and ways of life of a Muslim. We will then be learning the Easter Story from Christianity.

PSHE- We will be learning how to identify and manage our emotions using 'zones of regulation'. After half term we will be learning what it means to be healthy and being safe around medicines.

PE- We are having sessions in both team building skills and invasion games.

Music- We will be finding out about the structures of tunes and songs and comparing our own music.

ICT- First we will be learning about programming via robot algorithms. This will be followed by Data & Information via pictograms.