



# Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter: Spring 1



Our Big Question this term is: How will 5 a day help me to be healthy?

## English

In English, we will be covering various aspects of English such as phonics, grammar, Big Write, spelling and handwriting.

**Grammar:** We will cover various grammar structures; imperative verbs, subordinating and coordinating conjunctions.

**Phonics:** We will continue to apply our phonics knowledge to our spelling.

**Big write:** We will be planning and writing instructions, narratives and poetry.

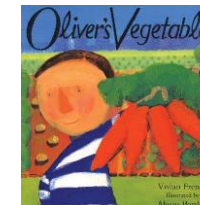
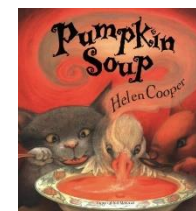
**Key Vocabulary:** imperative verbs, subordinating/coordinating conjunctions, rhyming couplets, instruction

**RWI sound pronunciation:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkXcabDUg7Q>

## Reading

Each week we will be studying texts and developing our READ skills (Retrieval, Exploring Text Vocabulary, Analysing Text layout and structure, Deduction and Inference Skills)

Over this half term, our core texts in class will be *Pumpkin Soup*, *Oliver's Vegetables*. We will also be exploring poetry.



Please read with your child each night (allocated reading books) and write in the reading record book. Please also go through comprehension questions and new vocabulary with them.

## Maths

For Maths, we will be studying multiplication, division and money. We will focus on two-, 5- and 10-times table and use this knowledge to solve division problems. During the study of money, we will cover various topics including making the same amount, adding different amounts and finding change. Children will learn the value and different types of coins and notes by looking at their unique features.

**Key Vocabulary:** times, lots of, groups of, multiplied by, divided by, shared between, coins, notes, pound, pence, money, change

**Useful Links:** Hit the button game <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

**Sorting coins game** <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/money/coins-game>

## R.E

For R.E, we will be studying the topics Books and Thanksgiving. We will be learning about the importance of the Bible and other Holy books. We will learn that the Bible tells us about the lives of many people and helps us to be better Christians.

We will be discussing how we give thanks to God and the people in our community. We will learn about how we give thanks in Mass through the Eucharist.

**Key Vocabulary:** Bible, Gospels, respect, reverence, thanksgiving, Eucharist

## Science

For Science, we will be learning about the lifecycles of animals including humans. Children will learn about various lifecycles, but we will focus on the life cycles of a butterfly, chicken, frog and human. They will also learn about the changes in animals and humans as they grow and learn the names for adult animals and their young. Their learning will also include the food chain and how exercise impacts the body.

**Key Vocabulary:** life cycle, metamorphosis, chrysalis, predator, consumer, oxygen

**Useful Links:** BBC Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zttckqt>

## Art & Design

For Art & Design, we will be studying the Italian painter Giuseppe Arcimboldo. He painted portraits using different fruits and vegetables. We will be using charcoal and oil pastels to create our own fruit portraits inspired by Arcimboldo.

**Key Vocabulary:** Giuseppe Arcimboldo, painter, fruit, vegetable, seasons, charcoal, oil pastels, portrait

**Useful Links:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FrUbFyz7Zus>

## Computing

For Computing, we will be studying Productivity.

We will be learning how to use ICT to present data in a chart or pictogram. We will recognise that ICT allows quick changes. We will draw conclusions from the data we collect.

**Key Vocabulary:** Data, pictogram, tally chart, table, bar chart, more than/less than, least/most popular, how many more/less

**Useful links:** J2E

<https://www.j2e.com/jit5#pictogram>

## Music

For Music, we will be studying 20<sup>th</sup> Century music. We will be listening to 'Firebird' by Stravinsky. We will compose our own pieces inspired by Stravinsky's work.

**Key Vocabulary:** 20<sup>th</sup> century music, Stravinsky, compose

## P.E

For P.E, we will be focusing on Fitness. We will begin to explore and develop agility, balance, co-ordination, speed and stamina. Pupils will observe the changes in their body and breathing as they warm up and exercise. Pupils will be given the opportunity to work independently and with others.

**Key Vocabulary:** agility, balance, co-ordination, speed, stamina and strength

## Key Dates

Class Assemblies:  
St Anne- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
February at 10am

St Francis- Friday 15<sup>th</sup>  
March at 10am (after half term)

## Homework Project:

For your homework project this term, please **create a poster** about **keeping healthy**. You might include: eating 5 a day, fruits and vegetables people could try, exercising, getting a good night's sleep.