

Marwood Church of England VC Infant School



Curriculum Statement – Year Two January 2026

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The topic for this half term is **Weather Watchers**.

Science

As super scientists we will be researching, investigating and classifying materials; exploring properties, origin and purpose. We will also be having lots of fun setting up fair tests to investigate, compare and measure rigidity, flexibility and waterproofing of materials.

English

We will be studying the modern folk tale *Lila and the Secret of Rain* by David Conway and Jude Daly. The story links directly to our topic with a particular focus on drought and links with our Geography work on Climate Justice and extreme weather events. Children will be exploring the narrative setting, plot and characters using drama and role play to develop expressive vocabulary which will be used in poetry and setting descriptions. The children will form their own fact files about Kenya using Atlases and web searches. Children will continue to edit and improve their own work for grammatical accuracy and will become proficient at using writing checklists to become independent learners. Our grammar focus will be developing our use of conjunctions; extending sentences with because, but and or, if and when.

In contrast to this dry, warm setting, the class read will be *Katie Morag stories*, written by Mairi Hedderwick and set on the Isle of Struay.

We will be adding one dictated sentence to each spelling grid. Please support your child in dictating this sentence to them when they complete their spellings each night as we have found that the children are not yet applying their spelling rule knowledge.

Maths

We will continue to use the practical CPA (concrete, pictorial and abstract) approach to all of our maths topics and will work through fluency, reasoning and problem solving activities.

As mathematicians, we will start by recapping on coin values and using different coins to make the same amount.

We will then be focusing on dividing and multiplying by 2, 5 and 10 and then will move on to learning about fractions of amounts, shapes and numbers.

There will be opportunities for cross curricular Maths work in Science, Geography, Computing and English where we will be collecting, handling and interpreting data from weather charts and various types of measurement during science activities.

P.E.

We are very excited about our first gymnastic block in Year 2, focusing on balance, tension and shape through floorwork and using apparatus. We will also explore different types of rolls to engage and develop our core strength. Children will be working in bare feet. Please ensure that they have their PE t shirt and shorts/leggings each Wednesday. Long hair **MUST** be tied back. We are also very excited for our new weekly Friday morning yoga sessions with the local company *Mighty Warriors*. Please support your child by sending them in wearing their school t shirt or polo shirt, school jumper and dark leggings or tracksuit bottoms, trainers and socks for ease and flexibility.

Computing

Children will be learning how to collect data and will form tables, pictograms and bar charts relating to our favourite fruit, pets and weather observations.

Art And Design

In Art this half term, we will explore our feelings around climate change and create responsive art. We will also experiment with different media to recreate some of the artwork by Jude Daly (illustrator for Lila and the Secret of rain) including the effect of adding sand and glue to paint.

We will design and make a rain stick - forming links with our Literacy and Music learning. Please send any empty kitchen rolls to school (not toilet rolls).

Geography

Work will involve identifying hot and cold areas on Earth enhancing our knowledge of our planet. We will be finding out about different climates and will discuss the effects global warming is having on some communities. Linked with our English work, we will be comparing and contrasting the weather in Kenya with the UK. Children will continue to use globes and atlases to research more independently. Links will also be made with maths and computing as we will be organising data collected using 2simple software.

R.E.

As theologians, we will explore many Jewish teachings and ways of living, also studying some Jewish festivals including Sukkot and Hannukah and special stories relating to these.

Music

In Music, our focus will be communicating different emotions and moods through Music. We will explore timbre, dynamics and tonality. Children will have opportunities to improvise and compose on the theme of weather and will give performances:- both as conductors and musicians.

RHE/PSHCE

During this half term the children will continue with their 'Young Leaders Award'. We will finish the aspect of perseverance by showing our younger children how to play games. Then we will begin to focus on the area of teamwork. The children will discuss their experiences of working in a team and have opportunities to take part in team games. Their own experiences of teamwork will then be linked to a story from the bible called 'Jesus Team' (Luke 5: 1-11). In addition, the children will learn and discuss the festivals and special days of Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day.

The golden rule for this half term is *'Be Kind and Helpful'*.