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Marwood Church of England V. C. Infant School

Curriculum Statement - Year Two

June 2026

The topic for this half-term is 'Beside the Seaside.'

Literacy

Activities link to the topic 'Beside the Seaside'.

Children will be continuing with James Cook, writing an extended story about the adventures of animals on The Endeavour. They will also be writing poetry and of course, be writing their Marwood memories. Focus will be on refining their editing skills, checking for accurate punctuation and sentence structure.

Numeracy/Mathematics

Maths work this half term will consolidate and reinforce children's learning, working on areas of children's gaps in knowledge. With any spare time; please focus on telling the time to 5 minute intervals if your child is still unsure.

Maths work will continue with consolidation of counting, properties of numbers and number sequences. Pupils will be encouraged to solve problems, recognise patterns and relationships and explain how problems were solved, orally and in writing. We will solve one and two step real life word problems, learning to choose and use appropriate operations (+, -, x, ÷) and calculation strategies, check results, explain orally and record method in a number sentence.

Science

As scientists, we will be revising our Year 1 learning about plants and then exploring the growth of bulbs and seeds. We will also be setting up some investigations and recording our observations over longer periods of time.

Geography

As geographers, we will continue to see how the features of our locality are seen through a satellite and map view on google maps. We will also list the human and physical features in Great Ayton and compare them with a non-European seaside location. **Using google maps and atlases, we will be investigating some of the countries, continents and oceans charted by Captain Cook.** In addition we will look at the pollution of the oceans and the impact this is having across the world.

Art and Design

This half term, pupils will be exploring bridge building using cutting, folding, and joining techniques. Pupils will make their own bridges, applying their knowledge of structure design and will learn how to reinforce and test their structures. Children will also be producing their end of year portraits.

Computing

Children will continue to use Roamer and other software programmes on ipads and laptops to control and move a robot. They will be writing more advanced algorithms and will debug their own and others instructions.

PE

Swimming will continue on Tuesday mornings and there will be a focus on athletics skills in PE on a Wednesday. We will be using our new sports equipment to develop our jumping, running and aiming skills. Please continue to send your child ready for PE in their school PE kit, water bottle and sun cap if appropriate.

RE

Our big questions will be about celebrations and drawing parallels with the symbolism and global traditions of both religious and non-religious festivals.

Music

Within music this half term we will continue to explore the themes of pitch (how high or low a sound is) and melody. The children will continue to play simple listening games and recall a pitch sequence, recognising where pitch gets higher, lower or stays the same. Through a range of songs, they will develop their pitch matching skills, performing them with actions and movement. In addition, they will learn to use their voices creatively, creating sounds to match graphic notations such as vocal story maps and pipe cleaner notation. The children will play simple melodies using percussion instruments and be introduced to the pentatonic (five note scale pattern) scale with songs such as Just Five Notes. At the end of the half term, the children will take part in singing songs as part of their Leavers' Service.

RHE / PSHCE

The children will be finishing the last pieces of work for our Young Leaders Award before receiving certificates for all their hard work. In addition, we will look at beach (water) safety. During sports week we will have the opportunity to take part in some craft activities linked to different sports. Towards the end of the half term we will look at how to manage when we find things difficult and who we can ask for help. In addition, we will look at hurtful behaviour (offline and online) including name calling, excluding others when playing and the importance of telling a trusted adult. Finally, we will look and discuss our Marwood Memories, what was our best and worst memory about Marwood Infant School. During circle time we will share our feelings and worries about moving to our new school in September.

All children will participate in our Sport's Afternoon and Duck Race.

All pupils will be involved in the Year 2 Leaver' Service.

- Our Golden Rule is **'Walk in School'**.
- All pupils will participate in Sports Week: 6th - 10th July
- All pupils will participate in the PTFA Duck Race at 2pm on Thursday 16th July on Low Green (weather permitting).
- All pupils will be performing in our Leavers' Service at 10.45am on Thursday 16th July in Christ Church. We hope that you will be able to join us for this.