

Marwood Church of England VC Infant School



Curriculum Statement - Year Two September 2026

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The topic for this half term is Wonderful World.

Work will also link with harvest time and end with our Harvest Festival in Church.

English

- We will study the book *Grace and Family* by Mary Hoffman which is an engaging picture book that deals sensitively with the important experiences of family, difference, separation and reunion. Children will be writing in role, exploring characters and events. They will map the story, sequence events and retell parts of the story.
- Towards the end of the half term, children will study a range of poems and will write their own harvest poems to share at our Harvest Festival service.
- There will be a weekly Little Wandle homework sheet to complete to continue home learning from Year 1 - this will consolidate our weekly spelling focus.
- Handwriting will concentrate on correct formation and proportion
- As we work towards each child becoming a fluent reader, regular home practise is vital. Please listen to your child reading every day for at least 10 minutes and comment in their reading record. There is also a section within the record for you to record titles of other books your child is reading at home. We would love to know who their favourite authors are! A library book will also be sent home weekly for you to enjoy, discuss and share together which really helps them develop a love reading and is so vital for all aspects of their learning!

Mathematics

- Year 2s follow the same sequenced approach as they did last year though concrete, pictorial and abstract representations to improve their fluency and reasoning.
- Number work will focus on counting in steps of 2,3,5 and 10 from any number and reading and writing these numbers accurately to at least 100.
- We will be focusing on addition and subtraction to build up our fluency in number bonds to 10, 20 and 100. We will also be using the inverse to check our calculations.
- Please look out for optional online Power Maths homework activities to support your mathematicians!

Science

- As budding entomologists, we will research and ask questions about our Year 2 class pets

- The children will investigate micro-habitats in our school grounds and how they provide for the animals that live in them.
- Children will make their own shoe box habitats after researching global habitats and investigate food chains within them

Geography

- We will be using Google Earth on ipads, globes and atlases to study the Earth. We will start by revisiting and recapping the countries and capital cities of the UK, the location of Great Ayton and then expand to learn about the seven continents and five oceans. The children will learn songs to aid long term memory retention, make fact books and will research hot and cold places using atlases.

P.E.

- Mark Shimwell will now be leading PE sessions on a 'Sporty Wednesday.' Children need to attend school dressed in their school PE kits - school t shirt (white or red), dark leggings, shorts or tracksuit bottoms depending on the weather and trainers for grip. They will also need long hair tied back, no jewellery, a named water bottle and a light waterproof coat that they can move in. It is the plan to be outside as much as possible so layers will be needed for colder days.
- Children will be developing their spatial awareness and running skills through simple tagging and invasion games.
- We will also be developing our teamwork skills using a variety of games equipment.

Art and Design

- As artists, we will revisit self-portraits using different media. We will also be investigating moving mechanisms and applying this knowledge to our shoebox habitats. We will look at simple hinges, pop-ups and rotating parts to make our habitats come to life.

Music

- We are very excited that, thanks to the PTFA, North Yorkshire music service will be working with the children this year. The children will receive specialist tuition covering all aspects of the KS1 music curriculum whilst learning how to play a ukelele.

R.E.

We will be asking how we should care for the world and why it matters to different religious people (Christians and Jewish believers) and some non-religious people (Humanists).

- We will explore Christian and Jewish Creation stories, considering some 'big questions' about the world and creation.
- We will be listening to some songs about caring, discussing the lyrics and trying to understand the messages behind the songs.

Computing

- Children will recognise and understand the uses of technology both in the classroom and in the home. They will also learn to manipulate Google Earth to find out about the topography of an area, learning to use the tools to change view.

RHE (Relationships and Health Education) / SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural)

In this half term the children will begin by looking at rules and why these are important as part of our half termly focus on safeguarding. In addition, the children will recap stranger danger and what to do if they get lost as many of the children will be attending the local event of Stokesley show. In the remaining weeks of the half term the children will start their Young Leader's Award (YLA - more details follow) programme by looking at the aspect of kindness both in school and home, through bible stories and acts of kindness shown by the historical figure such as Florence Nightingale.

Our Golden Rule this half term is 'Listen'.