Walk On Water

St. Paul's C of E VA Primary and Nursery School

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With God all things are possible

Year 2

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

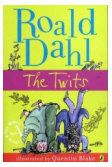
Autumn Term 1st half 2026

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope you enjoyed your summer holidays. Please read the information below to find out what we will be learning in class so that you can support your child in their learning.



ENGLISH

This half term we will explore the language of fairy tales, focusing on 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We will then be writing our own stories with recurring language using the story "This Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown". Later in the half term we will be learning how to write list poems. Please support your child to practise their handwriting at home with a focus on correct letter formation.



Reading

As a class we will be reading Roald Dahl 's 'The Twits' and The Owl Who is Afraid of The Dark by Jill Tomlinson. We will also read a range of fiction, poetry and non-fiction texts throughout our Little Wandle reading sessions. Please look out for the reading books that we have been reading in class which will be sent home on a Friday. It is equally important for you to read with your child at home. Please listen to them read 5 times each week and record this in their link book. This can be their Little Wandle book or a challenge book. Daily reading makes a huge difference to a child's fluency and vocabulary.

Spelling

We will be revising Phase 5 spellings each week following on from Little Wandle's phonics programme. These lessons follow the same strategies and now focus on spelling rules. The children will receive 8 spellings and up to 3 tricky words to learn on a Monday and will be tested the following week.

MATHEMATICS

We will be securing understanding of number within 20 at the start of the term, including revising methods of addition and subtraction. We will then explore the value of each digit in a two-digit number; representing, partitioning, comparing and ordering numbers to 100; and adding and subtracting multiples of 10. Please help your child to learn their number bonds to 10 and the 2, 5 and 10 times tables by using Times Table Rock Stars weekly. Their new login for this will be in their link book.



RE

We will be focusing on Christianity this half term and will explore the question 'Who made the world?' During this unit we will be learning about the story of Creation and how this impacts how Christians live today. It is always lovely to have visitors in our classroom so if you would like to come in and share your own beliefs about Creation please do get in touch.

SCIENCE

We will be learning about everyday materials and their properties. The children will investigate different materials by exploring their properties and suggest their own ideas to test a material for a particular purpose, making predictions.

MESSAGES

Homework will be given out on a Thursday to be returned on a Tuesday.

Please return library books on a Tuesday.

Remember a pair of wellies and trainers for PE must be kept in school every day!

HISTORY

Our first history topic in Year 2 will be "London's Burning!" with our focus question being "How did London change in the 1600s?' We will explore the significant historical events that occurred in London in the 1600s and will discuss the impact that all of these events had on London then and today. Remember to look at the Knowledge Organiser on our class website page.



ART

In our art lessons we will be learning how to create sculptures using clay. We will be finding out about the work and abstract style of Barbara Hepworth.

OTHER SUBJECTS

PE — Monday (dance) and Wednesday (ball skills).

MUSIC — 'Time To Play'- exploring rhythm and pulse.

PSHE — 'Me and My Relationships'

COMPUTING - Creating Pictures and Online Safety (How can we be safe, responsible and respectful online?)

KEY DATES FOR YEAR 2

- Tuesday 8th September 9.15am — 9:15am Church Service
- Tuesday 22nd September—The Farm 10:40-11:40
- Friday 25th September—Macmillan Coffee Morning (cake sale)
- Wednesday 30th September—School trip to St Paul's Cathedral
- Friday 2nd October—Film Night
- Sunday 4th October - Abbotts Langley Tough Ten
- Tuesday 6th October- 9:15am Church Service
- Friday 16th October- The Friends' Disco and Individual Photos
- Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October—Parents' Evenings