



Slyne-with-Hest St Luke's C.E. Primary School

Year 2 Curriculum Information

Autumn Term 2026

English 	Focus texts Narrative (Traditional Tales): 'Cottonwool Colin' • Character studies • Writing an innovated story Narrative (Historical fiction): Toby and The Great Fire of London • Character studies • Telling the story from another point of view. • Non-fiction (Recounts): The Great Fire of London – diary writing. Poetry: Haiku • Read and respond to poems and develop their own ideas based on The Great fire of London Grammar: • understand nouns, adjectives, verbs and simple adverbs and develop the use of noun phrases in writing. • Make compound sentences using and, but, so, or • Use capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks • Use the past tense in writing • Understand the terms: statement, question, command, exclamation Spelling – following the spelling shed scheme of work for Year 2 Handwriting – we are focusing on correct pencil grip, sitting correctly and letter formation
Maths 	This term, children will develop their mathematical understanding through a range of practical and engaging activities. Our learning will include: • Place value • Addition and subtraction • Length and mass • 2D and 3D shapes • Time • Counting and multiplication • Sorting and statistics • Fractions • Capacity and volume • Money We will focus on building confidence with number facts, developing reasoning skills and explaining our mathematical thinking. Children will have lots of opportunities to use practical resources and solve real-life problems.
Science 	In Science this term, we will be learning about Everyday Materials and Plants. Children will investigate a variety of everyday materials, exploring their properties and considering why different materials are used for different purposes. They will also develop their scientific enquiry skills by observing, comparing and testing materials. Later in the term, we will begin our learning about Plants, where children will identify and name common plants and trees, explore the different parts of plants, and learn about what plants need to grow and stay healthy. Through practical investigations and hands-on activities, we will encourage children to think and work like scientists by asking questions, making observations and recording their findings.

Wider Curriculum 	History- Castles and then The Great Fire of London in the second half term. Geography – London Bus Ride Design Technology – Building a castle Art – Explore and draw – exploring the idea of artists as collectors and explorers Computing – In our What is a Computer? unit, children will explore different types of technology and learn how computers help us in our everyday lives. In Algorithms and Debugging, children will begin to think like computer programmers. They will learn how to break problems down into smaller parts (decomposition), write clear instructions (algorithms) and predict the steps needed to complete a task. PSHE – Me and my relationships and Valuing difference P.E. – In the first half term, children will be learning about balances and agility. After half term, they will build on their agility skills and then develop their coordination when throwing and catching.
R.E. 	Why are sacred texts so important to people of faith. In our first unit we will be looking at The Bible as a sacred text. We will be learning about what is in The Bible, thinking about the Old and New Testaments and looking at it's importance to Christians. We will also be thinking about other sacred texts and their importance. Why do Christians believe the birth of Jesus was such good news? We will cover this unit in the run up to Christmas We will also be visiting Lancaster Priory Church of Saint Mary during the first half term
Home School Partnership 	Our contact details:- s.gregory@slyne-with-hest.lancs.sch.uk and d.taylor@slyne-with-hest.lancs.sch.uk We will be updating the class page of the website over the next few weeks – once we have photo permissions back. https://www.slyne-with-hest.lancs.sch.uk/ Children have been given a log in for 'Spelling Shed' which they used in Year 1. Please encourage them to access the online activities at home to practise their spellings. Curriculum enrichment - Our first educational visit of Year 2 will be on 22nd October. We will be visiting Lancaster Castle, The Police Museum and Lancaster Priory. More details to follow. We also have a visit from Heritage Learning with a workshop on The Great Fire of London and a visit from The Fire and Rescue Service
Reminders 	PE days will be on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please ensure that children are in suitable PE clothing – white top, black leggings/joggers or shorts and trainers. It is really important that children do not come to school with earrings in on these days. We are unable to take them out and the children will not be able to participate in the lesson. Reading books will be changed as often as possible. If the children have read the book at home, then we will do our best to change it that day. We do give them reminders to hand them in! Maths homework will be given out on Wednesdays to be returned on Mondays. Spellings are given on Fridays for a test the following Thursday. Children will be given a target number of correct spellings (As explained in their spelling folder) More detailed information has been included in maths books, reading records and spelling folders.