



Welcome Parents and Carers

Year 2

Topics and coverage during the Autumn 2 half term.

This is where we are right now.

Year 2 Topics

Autumn 1



Discover and
Determination

Autumn 2



Hardworking
Humans

Spring 1



Fire! Fire!

Spring 2



Street
Detectives

Summer 1



Sand, Sea and
Sun

Summer 2



Joyful
Journeys

Our current topic

Hard working Humans

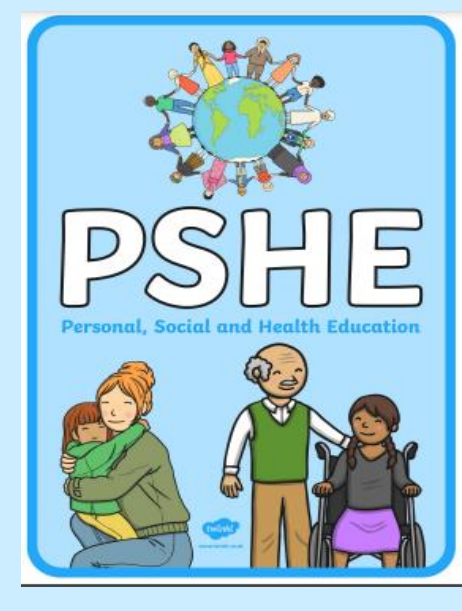
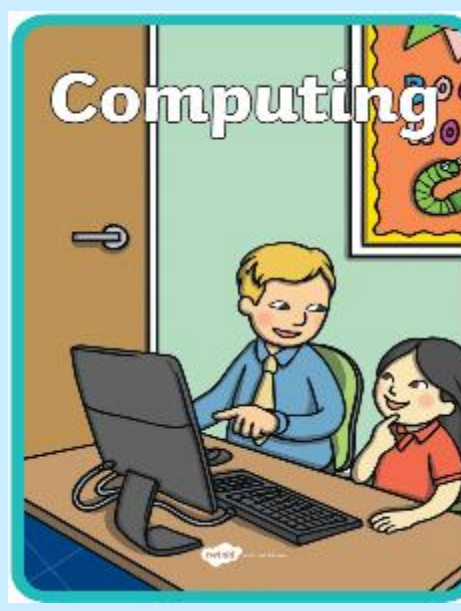
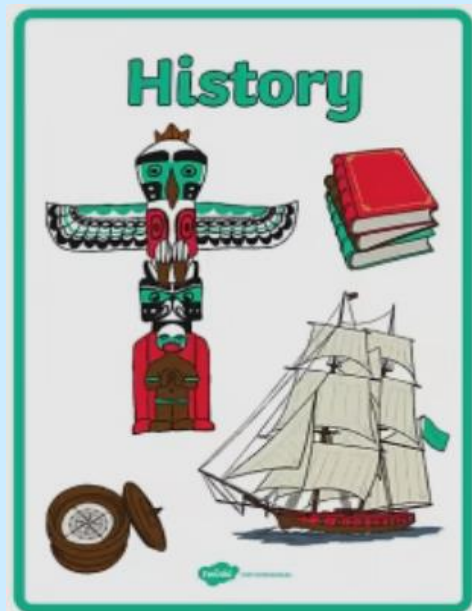
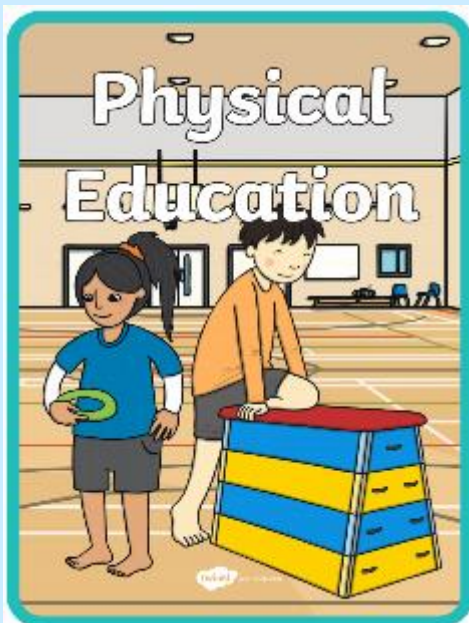
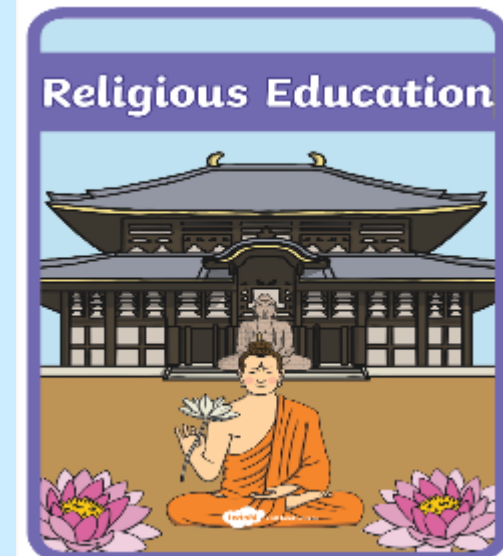
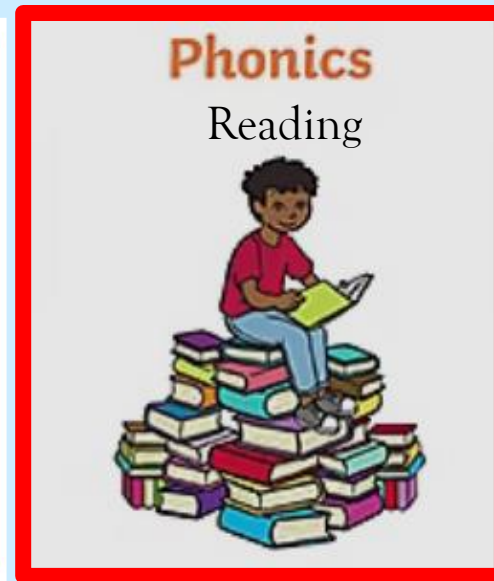
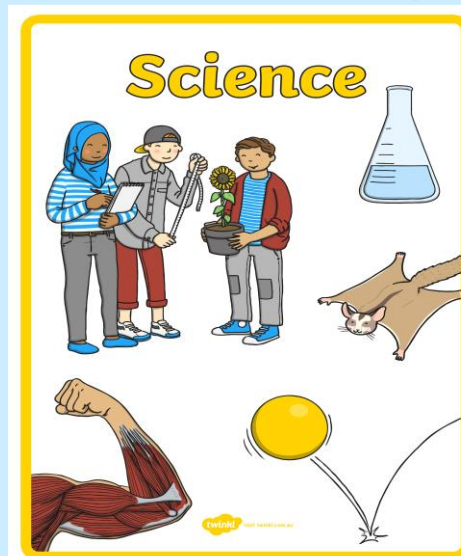
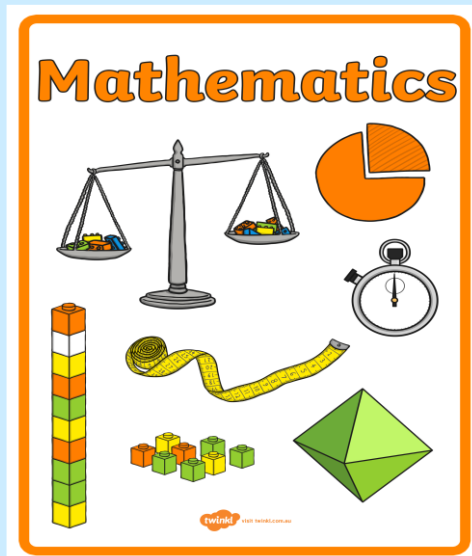
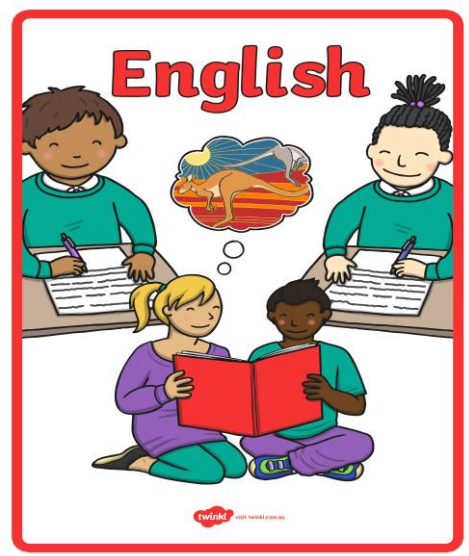


We use this topic to support teaching in all areas of the curriculum.

In this topic the children will be exploring:

- The history of the Windrush Generation (History).
- Listen to range to music and learn new dance styles such as tap dancing, ballet and modern (Music).
- Sketch a picture of a significant individual (Art).

This term these are the subjects that are taught within the school day

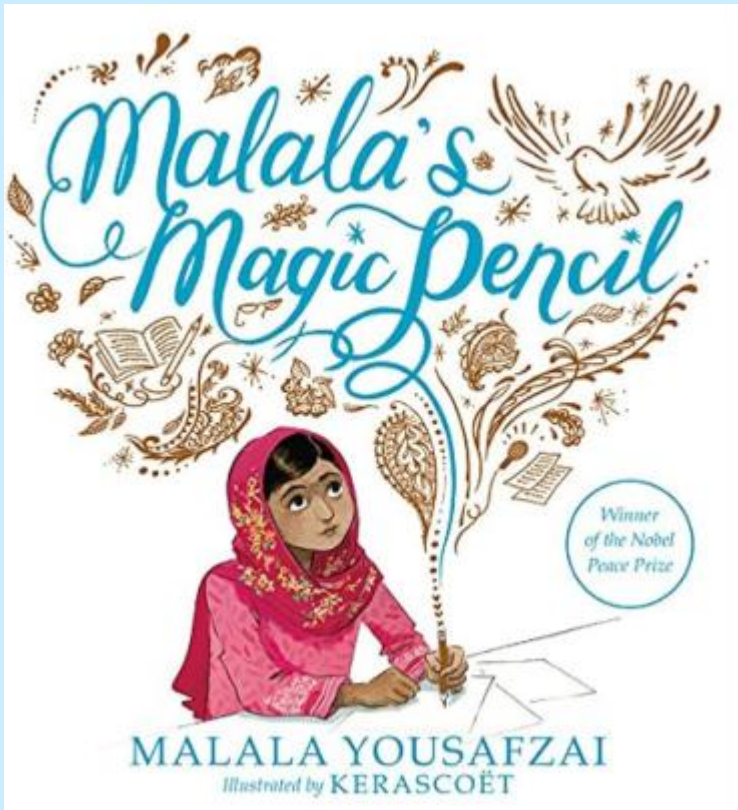


English

We will be reading the story 'Malala's Magic Pencil'
by Malala Yousafzai

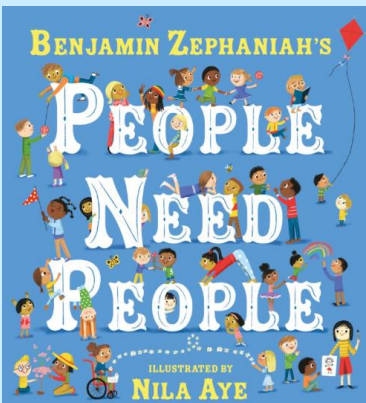
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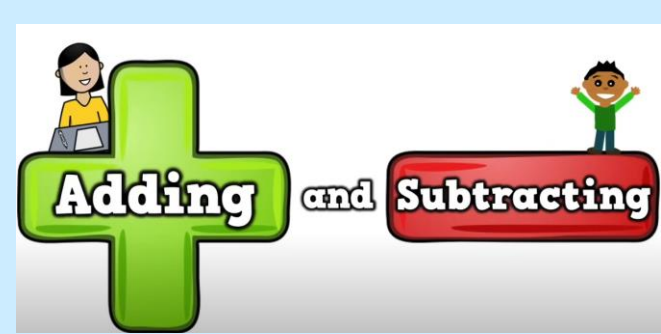
The children will be learning how to describe a character in the third person using common and proper nouns, expanded noun phrases and coordinating conjunctions. They will compose complex sentences to make their writing interesting.



Poetry

Children will be writing their own poem. They will be exposed to a variety of poems written by Benjamin Zaphaniah and Nikki Giovanni.





Maths

Addition and Subtraction

Money

Multiplication and Division

This half term the children will complete addition and subtraction, Money and Multiplication and Division.

Then will be explore money. They will use their addition and subtraction skills to add money and work out change.

The children will use their prior knowledge to recall doubles to 20, use multiplication and division facts for grouping and sharing and learn the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, including recognising odd & even numbers.

They will also learn to calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division and write them using the appropriate signs.



Maths Vocabulary

Addition and Subtractions - addition, add, subtract, left, equal to

Money - Money, coins, notes, pence, penny, change

Multiplication and Division -Multiply, multiples, equal groups, groups of, repeated additions, arrays.

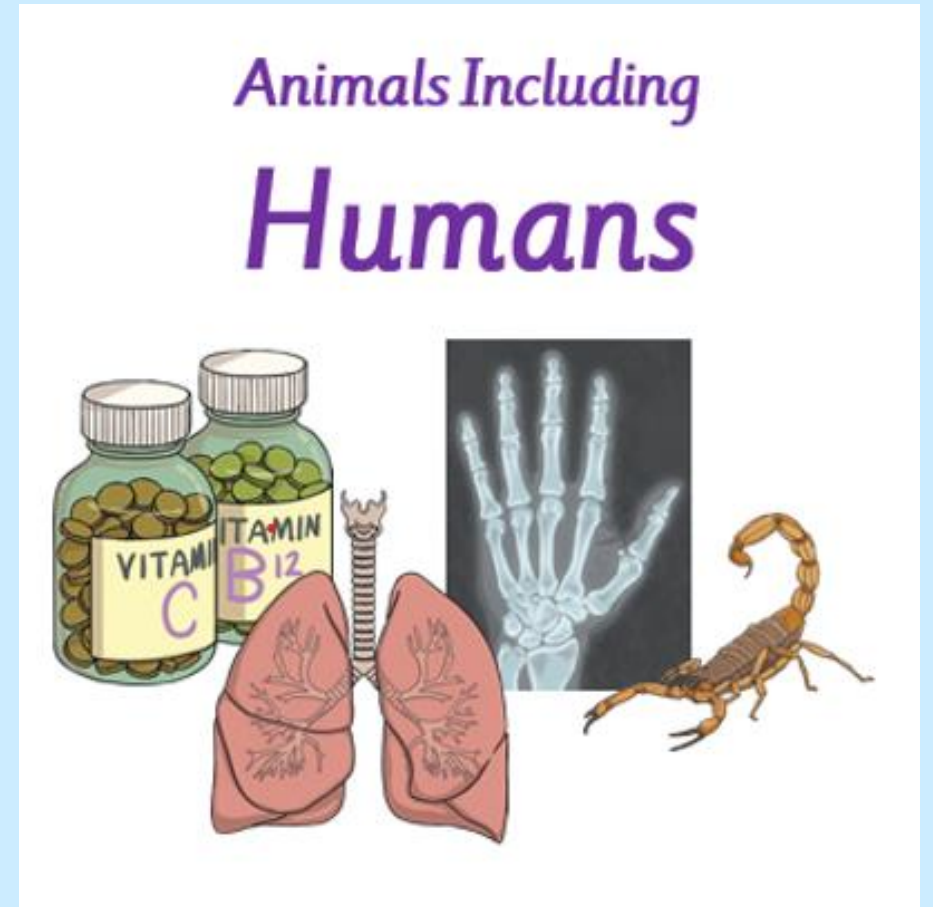
Divide, division, odd, even, share, equal groups of

Science

Animals including Humans Human

The children will be exploring the basic needs of humans.

They will learn to understand that human offspring will grow into adults, how humans survive and the importance of a healthy diet and exercise.



History

The History of the Windrush Generation

We will be exploring and discussing the significant individuals who made changes to our country after World War II.

They will learn to understand that the Windrush Generation were invited to the country by Queen Elizabeth II and learn that the Windrush Generation helped rebuild Britain.

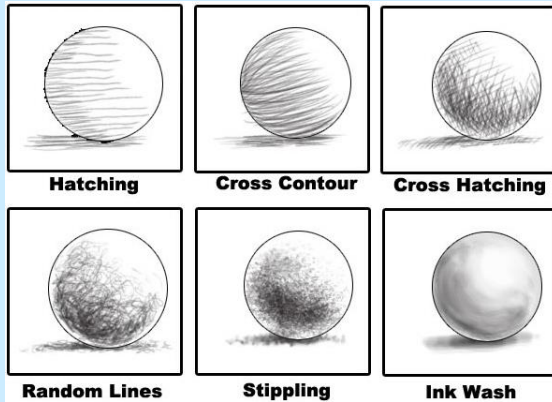


Art

Sketching, drawing and collage

This half term the children will explore portraits of important individuals and learn to use different styles of sketching.

They will use a range of media to explore different techniques and textures and create portraits from various angles.



RE

Festivals of Light - Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas

In R.E the children will explore the similarities and differences between three different religions:

Christianity, Hinduism and Judaism.

They will be explaining what they think are the important things about these festivals and why.

(Our school used the 'Croydon Agreed Syllabus' to support the teaching of RE)





Physical Education (PE) Handball



This half term the children will learn skills in -**Throwing and Catching**

Controlled form

- Knowing positions

Children will learn how to:

- To show good levels of hand eye coordination when throwing/ catching.
- To have an understanding of different muscles in use when balancing different ways.
- To be able to show different types of movement to throw and catch



Music

This half term the focus is **Christmas Music**.



The children will learn-

- Identify and name instruments, how to play them - tap/shake/scrape etc.
- Identify different types of musical instruments heard in Christmas music.
- To use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes

Save the date:

Year 2 Christmas concert and arts and crafts afternoon

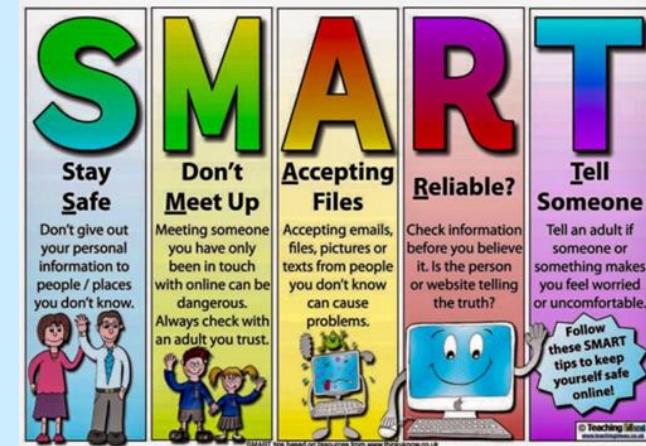
Wednesday 10th December at 2pm





Computing

This half term the focus is –
Online Safety



In this unit children will:

- Discuss what the internet is and how it can be used.
- Understand the benefits and risks of being online – how to remain safe, keep personal information secure
- Recognise when to seek help in difficult situations
- Identify which information is appropriate to share and post online and which is not.





Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE)

Celebrating Differences



This terms PSHE topic is all about respecting similarities and differences between ourselves and our peers.

- To know the difference between right and wrong and the role that choice has to play in this.
- To know that friends can be different and still be friends
- To know where to get help if being bullied and to understand the difference between a one-off incident and bullying
- To understand that boys and girls can be similar and different in lots of ways and that is OK
- To explain how being bullied can make someone feel
- To understand they can choose to be kind to someone who is being bullied
- To know how to stand up for themselves when they need to
- To recognise that they shouldn't judge people because they are different
- To understand that everyone's differences make them special and unique



Reading

Daily story time at the end of the day

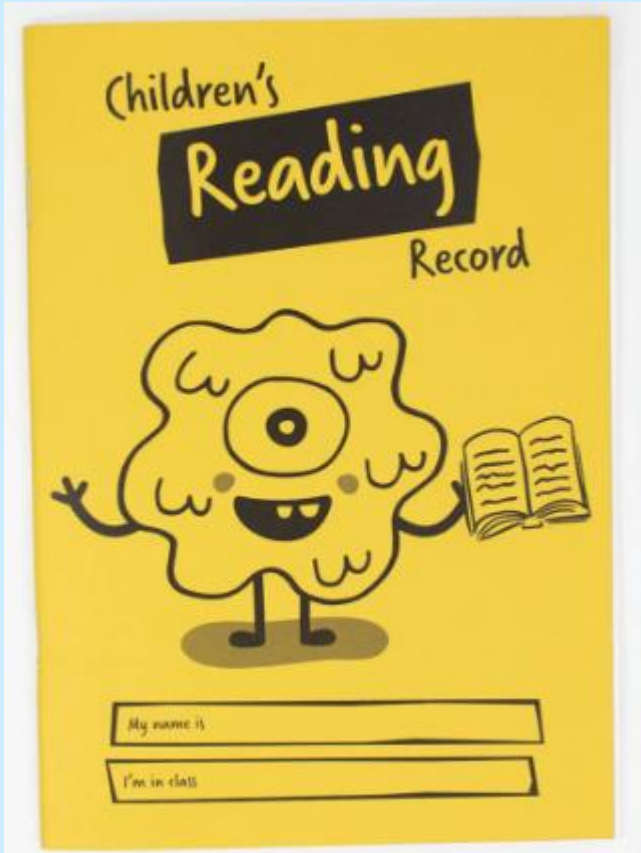
The children read with an adult x 2 a week in a small group. They will be reading and answering questions on decodable books at their reading level.

Some children will be moving onto fluency books these are longer books with chapters more challenging vocabulary.



Reading Records

The children should read at their home book daily.



| Date | Book title and page number | Comments |
|--------------|----------------------------|----------|
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| 04/ 09/24 | 12-14 | WA |
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- Adults should sit with their child and listen to the read each day.
- Then write the date, book title, number of pages and sign in their record.
- It is great to read your comments on your child's reading.
- We will check their reading records once a week.

Other Information

Spellings

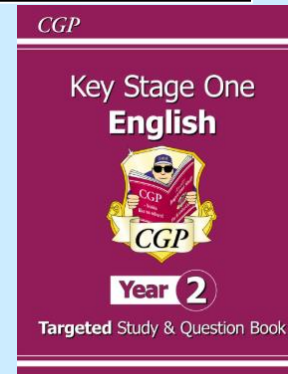
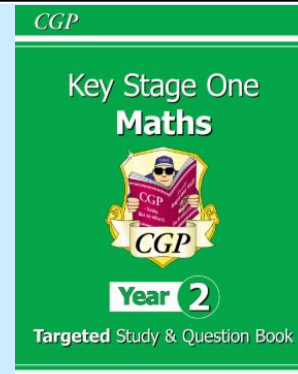
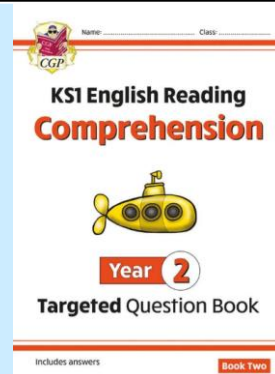
- A list of spelling words is sent home in each homework , from the Year 2 common exception word list .
- They must learn how to spell these words correctly by the end of Year 2!
- Practise, practise, practise!

Maths

- On a Monday children will practicing methods solve arithmetic paper as a class.
- They will discuss which methods they find easiest and how they found their answers.
- The children will then sit the same arithmetic paper on a Friday independently.

Homework

- Children will receive a homework book each week.
- This needs to be returned by the following Monday .
- Their homework will relate to what they have been learning in class that week.
- Please mark your child's homework (answers are in the book) and only complete the pages stated on the newsletter.



Other Information

Parents Evening

Parent evening will take place on the following days from 3.30 pm – 5.20 pm:

Monday 24th November

Tuesday 25th November

Wednesday 26th November (3.30 – 6.00pm)

Your child's class teacher will provide a sign up sheet for you to make an appointment. Each appointment is 10 minutes long. Please take a note of the date and time for your appointment.



Questions or queries?

You are still able to email your child's class teacher directly.

Lewis class: lewisclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk

Carroll class: carrollclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk

Andersen class: andersenclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk

Dahl class: dahlclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk