



# Curriculum Information



Ruby



Coral



Topaz

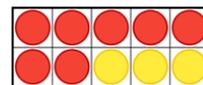
## Year 1&2 - Autumn 1 & 2

### Literacy

We will be practising skills for sentence writing this half term focusing on letter formation, capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. The children will be retelling a familiar story and then writing their own version of a story. They will be learning how to use adverbials and time words to write their story. We will also learn about poetry and practising oracy skills by performing a poem to the class.

### Maths

This half term we will be focusing on place value. We will order and compare numbers and think about more and less, as well as learning how to write numbers in both words and numerals. Children in Year 1 will focus on numbers to twenty, while Year 2s will be using numbers up to one hundred. We will also begin to think about number bonds, addition and how related facts can help us with our calculations.



### Science



In science we will be learning about the human body, learning the names of our body parts, identifying them on our bodies and comparing them to animals. We will learn about the 5 senses and explore which body part is associated with each sense. We will learn how we keep our bodies healthy and investigate how germs are spread through touch.

### Geography

In Geography we will be learning about where we live. We will look closely at the human and physical features of our environment and use directional language to describe the location of these features. We will also learn about the 4 countries that make up the United Kingdom and the flags that represent them. Finally we will look at aerial photographs and identify the geographical features we have been learning about from a different perspective.

### History

In History the children will be learning about their personal history and how they can find out more about themselves. We will use a simple timeline to order photographs and memories and use the terms 'before' and 'after' when discussing their timelines. We will



learn how special events are remembered and name events that they celebrate throughout the year. We will share the different ways they celebrate their birthday and know a similarity and a difference between childhood now and in the past.

## **DT**

In DT this half term, the children will be designing and making a windmill. They will research what windmills were like in the past as part of their design process. After making their windmills, the children will evaluate their creation in relation to the design criteria, to make sure it is fit for purpose. The second DT focus of the half term will be 'Cooking and Nutrition', where the children will be learning about what a balanced diet looks like and why this is important to be healthy. After learning about food groups and the 'Eat Well Plate', they

will design and make their own healthy wrap.

## **Art**

Throughout this half term we will be practising and improving our drawing skills. We will develop our observation skills by using mirrors to draw self portraits. We will also be thinking all about spirals. We will use our whole body to create some very large pieces of art as well as creating line drawings using different mediums. Our work will be inspired by lots of artists including Molly Haslund and Charles Dessalines, as well as taking inspiration from the natural world.

## **RE**



In RE lessons we will be learning how and why different religions say thanks. We will think about harvest, how religions talk to their God, why people may thank God and how a Puja can express thanks.

## **PSHE**

We will be learning all about families and relationships this half term. We will be exploring how families can be different and learn about positive friendships. We will discuss how people can show feelings in different ways. We will also learn all about manners and develop an understanding of self-respect.

## **PE**

In our PE lessons we will be developing our fundamental skills of balancing, running, changing direction, jumping, hopping and skipping. We will also be learning to cooperate and communicate in small groups to develop team building skills. The children will plan how to solve problems by listening to ideas and making sure everyone has a role in the team.

Our PE days are:

Ruby- Thursday

Coral- Tuesday

Topaz- Thursday

## **Computing**

Our computing lessons this half term are all about the technology that is around us. We will learn about what technology means and how it can help us. Using chromebooks, we will practise and develop our mouse and keyboard skills as well as considering how to use technology responsibly. During our online safety lessons, we will be learning about communicating online. We will think about asking for and giving permission and about how we can make sure that we are being 'kind online'.

## **Music**

In music this term, we will use our bodies and instruments to listen and respond to pieces of music with fast and slow speeds; learn and perform a rhyme and a song focussing on fast and slow. Our key vocabulary will be "beat, fast, singing/speaking voice, slow and

warm up". We will learn to sing songs from memory, be able to describe the difference between pieces of music and respond to simple musical instructions such as tempo changes.

## How you can help your child

### Reading

Please ensure you are reading with your child and writing a comment into their reading journals as often as possible. Books will be changed weekly in school and will be chosen carefully to match your child's phonetic ability.

### PE kit

Year 1/2 children will continue to have 2 hours of PE time each week therefore please ensure children have their PE kit (red t-shirt, black shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings, a jumper and suitable footwear) available in school all week.

**Trockstars & Numbots** - Children will have a log-in for Trockstars and Numbots and we expect them to practise their times tables and maths skills on these as often as possible. Praise is given to the class with the most points earned in assembly each Friday. Log-ins will be given to children shortly.

**Mathletics** - This is a new online learning tool we would like your children to use this year and will be used as part of homework. Children will be assigned different tasks each week. We will be sending out the log-ins for this site this term.

## Year 1&2 Team

Please contact your child's class teacher on Class Dojo if you have any specific questions.

 Ruby	<u>Teacher</u> Mrs Suleman	<u>TA</u> Miss Hawkins
 Coral	<u>Teacher</u> Miss Sadler	<u>TA</u> Mrs Vickers
 Topaz	<u>Teacher</u> Mrs Eardley Mrs Goodwin	<u>TA</u> Miss Bartosz