



St Margaret's Primary School, Ipswich

Year 2 — Autumn Term Curriculum Map

Our focused book for this term is *Traction Man is Here* by Mini Grey

Writing

This term, your child will continue to write for a range of purposes, including descriptive writing, diary entries, narratives and poetry, ensuring their writing is coherent through the use of conjunctions, punctuation and developing vocabulary. This will be practised in English lessons alongside SPAG sessions, with a focus on applying phonetic knowledge to writing with increasing accuracy. Children will also practise their handwriting, working towards forming all letters correctly, ready to begin joining.

Phonics

We will be recapping and consolidating our Level 5 phonics sounds, becoming increasingly fluent and accurate in reading and writing them.

Science

Children will learn to identify, describe, group and compare objects based on their materials, properties and uses. They will work scientifically by asking and answering simple questions, observing closely, performing simple tests, identifying and classifying, and gathering and recording data.

History

Looking at significant events beyond living memory, both nationally (The Great Fire of London) and globally (the history of flight). We will also look at significant individuals relevant to both events and explore why they are still known today.

Art

Exploring the Pop Art movement by creating a collage and developing drawing skills.

Music

Looking at pulse, rhythm and rounds, explored through songs and tuned and untuned percussion, performing together as an ensemble. Songs include 'London's Burning' and 'September 1666', alongside nativity songs and performance.

PSHE

This term we will focus primarily on relationships, covering how to be respectful and empathetic towards difference, working with others, expressing worries, what makes a family, and the importance of respectful relationships.

Reading

We will read texts linked to each week's phonics focus in our reading sessions, alongside daily story time and additional reading-for-pleasure sessions each week. Thank you for hearing your child read regularly — please remember to record this in their orange reading record.

Maths

Throughout the year, your child will be taught mathematics through a mastery approach, involving practical equipment, discussion, drawing and formal written methods. This term we will cover place value, addition, subtraction and shape.

Computing

Develop an understanding of what information technology (IT) is and begin to identify examples of IT in school and beyond, including the importance of using it responsibly. Children will learn that different devices can be used to capture photographs, gaining experience in capturing, editing and improving photos, and will begin to understand that images they see may not be real.

RE

Children will be looking at Judaism, exploring the key question: 'Why do Jewish families talk about repentance at New Year?', before moving on to Christianity and the question: 'Why do Christians trust Jesus and follow him?'

DT

Focus on templates and joining techniques to create a cape for Traction Man to wear, exploring different shapes, decoration and construction methods.

PE

Children will create and apply rules and tactics through play, as well as exploring roles such as referee and timekeeper. They will also retell the story of the Great Fire of London through expressive dance.