

The Vale Primary Academy

Autumn Term Curriculum Updates

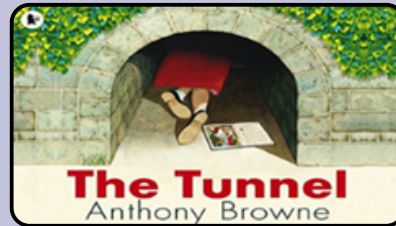
YEAR TWO

ELS Essential Letters and Sounds



English

We will be reading *The Tunnel* by Anthony Browne. This modern classic tells the story of a brother and sister who are complete opposites to one another and spend most of their time arguing. One day, they find a tunnel but what will be on the other end ...?



This term, we will be writing a journey story based on *Meerkat Mail*, followed by a unit on recount writing. Following this, we will explore a warning story linked to our learning in history, and write a discussion text about who we think was to blame for the Great Fire of London.

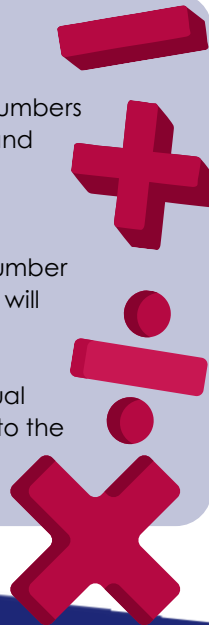
Maths

In maths this term children will begin by learning the place value of numbers up to 100. Children will be able to partition whole numbers into tens and ones.

Then we will be looking at addition and subtraction.

Children will learn how to add three 1-digit numbers (up to 100) on number lines, including how to add across a 10, which can be tricky! Children will learn to do the same thing with subtraction too.

Children will begin to learn what multiplication means by making equal groups and adding the groups together. Children will be introduced to the idea of dividing by taking groups away from a total



Humanities

Autumn 1: What makes London special compared to other places in the UK?

In the first half term, we will be learning about the countries of the UK and their famous landmarks.



Autumn 2: What happened during the Great Fire of London?

In the second half term, we will be learning about the Great Fire of London and why Samuel Pepys is important because of his diary.



R.E.

Autumn 1: What is Judaism?

In the first half term we will be learning about the importance of Abraham and how people of the Jewish faith worship God, both at the synagogue and at home.

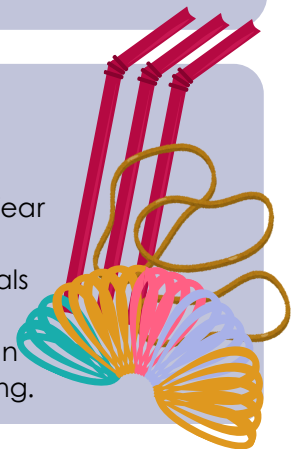
Autumn 2: Why is Advent and the Nativity story so important to Christians?

In the second half term we will be learning about the Nativity story and the importance of Bethlehem and the Church of Nativity to people of the Christian faith.

Science

Autumn Term: Uses of everyday materials

Across the term, children will build on their learning from Year 1, using their knowledge of different materials and their properties to understand the suitability of different materials for a certain purpose, for example, looking at the best material for a straw, as well as exploring how materials can be changed by twisting, bending, squashing and stretching.



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Art & D.T.



Autumn 1: Collage

In the first half term, children will learn how to crumple, fold, overlap and overlay materials to create different collage effects. They will also learn about and create a 3D photocollage, inspired by David Hockney.

Autumn 2: Construction and Drawing

In the second half term children will learn about nets and the architect, Sir Christopher Wren. We will then design and construct a house in the style of homes from the Great Fire of London. In Art, we will also learn about the different effects created by charcoal, graphite and ink.



M.F.L



Autumn 1: Transport

In the first half term, children will learn the vocabulary for transport in Spanish to then participate in a simple conversation about travel.

Autumn 2: Nursery Rhymes

In the second half term, we will learn a range of nursery rhymes and accompanying songs.

Computing

Autumn 1: Information Technology Around Us

In the first half term we will learn about the different ways technology helps us and know how and why we make choices about this.

Autumn 2: Digital Photography

In the second half term we will learn how to use a digital device to take a photograph. We will then learn how to use these with different programmes to create digital media.



P.E.



Autumn 1: Team Building

In Team Building, we will build on our knowledge from Year 1 working on clear communication, instructions and rules to make our games run smoothly.

Autumn 2: Gymnastics

In Gymnastics, we will build on our knowledge from Year 1 using rolls, jumps, balances and travelling movements to practise and perform a sequence.



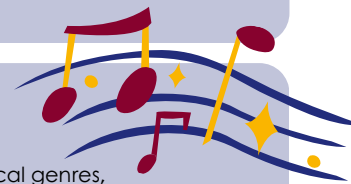
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Autumn 1: 'Being Me in My World'

We will explore our hopes and fears for the year ahead and discuss how everyone plays a part in creating a safe and fair learning environment. We will also explore how to recognise our feelings and value the contributions of others.

Autumn 2: 'Celebrating Difference'

Children will learn about bullying and explore how to stand up for themselves and others. We will also discuss stereotypes about gender, celebrate difference within our class and discuss how to remain friends.



Music

Throughout the year, we will be listening to and exploring a range of musical genres, artists and composers and describing instruments and musical elements that are used. Can you listen and discover our Music of the Week further together at home?

Autumn 1:

In the first half term, we will be developing our musical listening and singing skills, alongside being able to sing in a round. We will be encouraged to perform to peers, and be willing to share our ideas.

Autumn 2:

We will start to look at playing a tuned instrument by following simple notation, and playing different rhythms in time to the beat. We will start to create our own simple rhythmic compositions.

