

English

The children will be writing for a variety of purposes, using a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts where possible linked to our themes including lighthouses, habitats and minibeasts. They will write reports, letters and instructions and continue to develop their story writing. The children will be expanding their use of punctuation within their writing and continue to further their understanding of phonics and spelling patterns.

Weekly spelling tests continue on a **Thursday**. Children will read in groups and individually and we appreciate your continued support encouraging them to read regularly at home.

Maths

We will continue to explore number sequencing, place value, ordering and estimation. We will also cover; addition and subtraction, multiplication and division.

We will develop further understanding length, direction and co-ordinates. The children will be taught and explore the properties of shape, how to use calibrated scales to measure, and data handling. They will know how to work with simple fractions of shape and of number.

Science

This term's focus will be on Living things and their habitats. This will include looking at basic food chains and our place within them. Children will then think about food groups and our need to stay healthy through choices of a balanced diet. We will have fun planning and making items for a healthy lighthouse keeper's lunch!

We will also take a close look at microhabitats and microorganisms. Children will explore, investigate and conduct enquiries in our close environments to find out what makes it the perfect habitat for minibeasts!

Art/DI

The children will explore a variety of materials, produce designs, make lighthouse models and evaluate their work. They will investigate pulley systems and make a healthy lunch linked to our English stories. After half term the children will take part in a sewing task, creating minibeasts!

Geography/History

In Geography, the children will be developing map skills where we will be looking at the British Isles and investigating the local area.

In History, the children will be finding out about and comparing Famous Nurses in History linked to our theme.

PE

Year 2 begin a 6 week course of swimming lessons this term where they will gain confidence and water safety skills as well as developing their own technique. The children will be revising gymnastic skills and also enjoy perfecting track and field athletics in preparation for sports day.

PSHCE

We will be exploring the themes of relationships and thinking about changes ahead of us as the term continues. The children will also be taking part in philosophy sessions. By using a variety of stimulus they will develop their skills of philosophical enquiry and reasoning.

Music

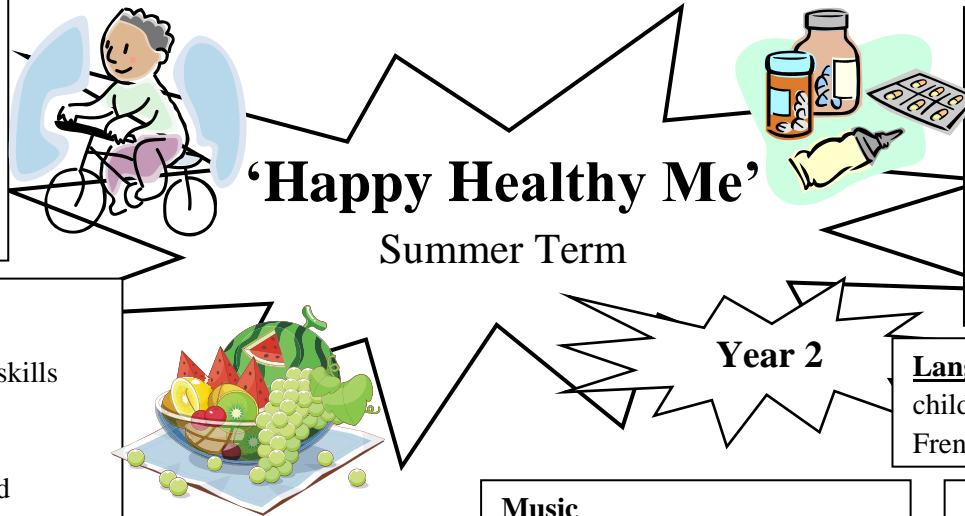
The children will begin by completing their 6 week course of African drumming. They will learn and perform songs linked to our themes this term and continue to follow the Music Express scheme to further develop their musical knowledge and skills.

R.E.

In Religious Education, through a topic of Special People, the children will be addressing questions of: How do we show we care for others? Who is an inspiring person?

Enrichment (trips, visitors, events)

Values Week, Clay workshop, Visit to Barton Springs, Visit from Nurse



Computing

We will be looking at and developing an understanding of simulations in a variety of opportunities. The children will be using and devising branching databases. They will do research, linked to our theme of lighthouses, and create reports using computers.

Languages

In their weekly French lessons the children will continue to develop and practise their French vocabulary.