



# Riverside Primary School



## English

Our class text this half term is 'The Dragon Machine' by Helen Ward. We will learn how to use past and present tenses correctly and consistently as well as writing different forms of sentences and using correct punctuation. Finally, we will write a story based upon the model text using our own ideas for a change of character and machine.

## Science

We will be exploring the topic animals including humans this term. We will learn about animals, including humans, offspring, life cycles, growing up, survival, the importance of exercise and healthy living. We will use our scientific knowledge in a number of ways including identifying and classifying animals in groups and gathering and recording data.



## Mathematics

In Maths, we will be focusing on addition and subtraction. The children will add and subtract numbers using concrete objects, pictorial representations and mentally including a two digit number and tens. They will also be learning about tally charts, block diagrams and simple tables in Statistics. They will learn how to ask and answer simple questions by counting the number of objects in each category.

## PSHE

In PSHE, the children will be taught by a Education Mental Health Member from Connect. The focus of the unit is "Fun Friends". The children will build upon their understanding of identity, feelings and social skills every week. By week 6, the children will have all the skills to make new friends and show kindness towards others.



# Year 2

## Spring 1

## Computing

We will be learning how to programme using the software Scratch. We will understand what algorithms are and learn how to create and debug simple programmes.



## Art

In Art, we will explore expressive painting. We will begin by using colouring mixing and mark making to create our own expressive paintings. We will then find out about different brushwork used by old masters such as Van Gogh and Cezanne and utilise these skills to create a still life painting.



## PE and Kit

**Multi-Skills:** We will master a range of throwing and catching skills and apply these in a range of games.  
**Gymnastics:** We will practise making and holding different shapes with our bodies and practise balancing in a range of ways.  
**White t-shirt and black shorts.**  
**Jogger bottoms and trainers (for outdoor use)**

**Monday & Thursday**

## RE



In RE, our big question this half term is, 'How do Muslims worship at home and at the Mosque?'. We will find out about Islam, key beliefs, and ways of living for Muslims. We will listen to stories about the Prophet and find out about what they teach Muslims today about ways of living. Finally, we will learn about the importance of prayer.

## History

In history our topic this half term is 'How did we learn to fly'. We will begin by identifying important events surrounding the history of flight and explain how significant events have changed the lives of others. We will ask questions and use primary sources to find out about people and events in the past. Finally, we will order 5 events on a timeline.