Christmas Term 2026 Curriculum Plan: Year 2

THE FREE SCHOOL NORWICH

English

In English, we will explore *The Great Fire of London* by Emma Adams and James Weston Lewis. Children will develop their writing skills through descriptions, poetry, diary entries and eyewitness accounts. They will practise using conjunctions, adverbs and commas in lists, before creating their own information report using historical facts, headings and subheadings. Throughout the unit, children will build their vocabulary and develop their ability to organise, edit and improve their writing.

Maths

In Maths, we will continue to build our confidence with adding and subtracting two-digit numbers, including calculations where we cross a ten. We will use practical activities and problem-solving to explore different strategies and explain our mathematical thinking. We will then explore 3D shapes, learning about their faces, edges and vertices, as well as discovering lines of symmetry in different shapes and patterns.

Science

In Science, we will investigate and compare a wide range of natural and man-made materials, exploring their different properties and considering why particular materials are chosen for different purposes. We will carry out a variety of investigations to test how materials behave. We will also begin to plan and carry out our own fair tests, making predictions, recording our observations and using what we discover to answer scientific questions.

Computing

In Computing, we will become digital photographers, learning how to take and improve photographs. We will explore how images can be edited and think about what makes a good photograph.

Geography

In Geography, we will explore where we are in the world by locating the seven continents and oceans on a map. We will learn to describe different continents and identify their physical and human features.

Design Technology

In our *Pasta Palate* project, children will become budding chefs, exploring ingredients, balanced diets and healthy eating as they create their own pasta salad. Through practical cooking activities, they will develop food preparation skills, creativity and teamwork while learning to make nutritious meals.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will explore how people's lives and experiences can be different around the world, and how our actions can have positive or harmful effects on others. We will also celebrate what makes us special, explore different types of families and think about where we belong.

RE

In RE, we will explore the meaning of freedom and consider whether freedom needs rules. We will learn about the Exodus story and how Jewish people remember and celebrate freedom through Passover, while developing our own questions and ideas.

Music

In Music, we will develop our singing skills by improving our vocal control and pitch. We will explore tempo and dynamics, learning to respond to musical directions and recognise changes in pitch through singing and actions.

PE

In PE, we will develop our ball skills through a range of fun activities and games. We will practise rolling, kicking, throwing, catching and dribbling with our hands and feet, while building our confidence and coordination.

Thrive

During our Thrive Snack and Chat this term, we will be looking at how we can cooperate with each other. We will explore how to share responsibilities, listen to others and work together positively, recognising that everyone has an important part to play.

Reminders

- Reading books and reading records to be brought into school each day.
- PE – Monday
- Library – Tuesday
- 16th November - Odd Socks Day (Anti-Bullying Week)
- 25th-27th November – Hilltop residential trip
- 30th November – Christmas craft afternoon
- 9th December – Christmas lunch