



The Bellbird Primary School

'Soaring to Success'

Year 2 Autumn Term 2025

We will be learning:

Art and DT:

In art, we will be creating maps using a variety of art forms including drawing, felt making, print making and designing stained glass.

In Design and technology, the children will be identifying stable and unstable structures, identifying features which make a chair stable and finally they will use their knowledge to design a chair for baby bear.

Topic:

Geography: In our geography unit we will be learning to identify human and physical features and we will identify landmarks in Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland

History: In history we will learning about how schools have changed since 1900. We will be visiting Braintree Museum on Tuesday 11th November.

PE:

Indoor PE for Goldfinches will be on Tuesday morning and Skylarks will have indoor PE on Wednesday. Outdoor PE/adventurous activities will take place on a Thursday for both classes. Please ensure your child comes into school wearing suitable PE kit and footwear.

Music:

We will study the Charanga unit Hands, Heart, Feet, learning about pulse, rhythm and some of the characteristics of South African music.

Mathematics:

Our maths work this term will focus on time, place value, counting, comparing and representing numbers to 100, and reading and writing numbers in numerals and words. The children will be counting forwards and backwards in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s

We will then move onto addition and subtraction of two-digit numbers.

All year 2 children will have a Mathletics account to access in school and at home. Mathletics is an online learning platform that allows parents to see the methods we use to teach calculation skills and provides the children with opportunities to practise skills at home. Every two weeks we will set weekly Mathletics tasks for children to do at home.

RE:

Children will be learning about Christianity. They will be listening to and telling stories from the Bible. They will be learning about how Christians and Jewish people celebrate Harvest time.

PSHE:

Our PSHE work focuses on understanding our emotions. We will build on our existing vocabulary linked to emotions and we will practise a range of calming down strategies. We will also learn what rights, rules and responsibilities are and how they help to keep us safe.

English:

The children will start the term by writing their own story based on the book Frog and the Stranger by Max Velthuis. The children will be identifying the features of instructional writing and composing their own set of instructions. They will also be writing list poems about people who are special to them.

Reading

The children will change their home reading books once a week. Their reading record books will be checked during reading practice sessions.

Phonics, Spelling and Handwriting

The children follow the Little Wandle revised Letters and Sounds phonic programme and our focus this term will be revising Phase 5. Spellings will be given out on a Friday and the test will take place on the following Friday. The weekly spelling lists will be coming home in the Letter-join font and there will be up to three

Science:

Our first unit is 'Animals Including Humans'.

We will learn how animals, including humans, have offspring that grow into adults. We will find out about and describe the basic needs of animals.

We will learn about the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.

We will also be learning about the scientific illustrator Maria Merian.