



Lower Key Stage 2: 1st Spring Half Term 2025

In the Spring term, your child will explore a range of subjects designed to foster creativity, critical thinking, and emotional development. Here's a summary of what they will be learning:

Maths

- **Fractions** Learning to add and subtract fractions.
- **Geometry** Exploring the properties of 2D shapes.
- **Addition and Subtraction** Developing formal written methods for addition and subtraction.

Physical Education (PE)

- **Dance:** Creating a witch or wizard character
- **Games:** Netball

Music

- Developing **glockenspiel** skills, including mallet technique, rhythm, and note transitions.
- Encouraging **creativity** through improvisation, composition, and group performances.

Personal, Social, Health, and Economic Education (PSHE)

- **Dreams and Goals:** Aspirations, how to achieve goals and understanding the emotions that go with this.

English

- **Writing to Entertain:** Using **Alice's Adventures in Wonderland**, children will create and describe imaginative settings and characters, developing narrative skills.
- **Writing Persuasive Speeches:** Using **Stella and the Seagull**, developing ideas, crafting facts-based arguments, and engaging audiences with impactful language.

History

- **Roman Britain:** Exploring Roman invasions, key figures, daily life, and the lasting impact of Roman rule in Britain.

Science

- **Changes of state:** Exploring material properties, transitions, and the water cycle (solids, liquids and gases).

Religious Education (RE)

- **Learning about Jesus' life, teachings,** and key Christian beliefs.

Computing

- **Programming:** sequencing sounds in Scratch.

French

- **Calendar and celebrations:** Bonfire colours, commands, days and months, Christmas.

Art

- **Sketching Jaguars and Exploring Henri Rousseau's Jungle:** Creating jaguar sketches and Rousseau-inspired jungle scenes, exploring textures, symmetry, shading, vibrant colours, and layered compositions.

Next term's highlights include: The Anglo Saxons, Tag rugby, Sgraffito painting and Living things and their habitats.

Helpful Websites

MathsFrame

What it does:

Offers 500+ interactive maths games and activities, aligned with the UK curriculum. Covers times tables, number bonds, geometry, and more. Printable worksheets also available.

How it helps:

Makes maths fun through games, helping children practice essential skills regularly.

Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)

What it does:

A platform that builds times table fluency through timed, competitive challenges. Children play as rock star avatars, earning rewards as they improve.

How it helps:

Motivates kids to master times tables with speed and accuracy through fun, competitive play.

Spelling Shed

What it does:

Offers fun games for children to practice spelling patterns and vocabulary with weekly lists tailored to the curriculum.

How it helps:

Engages kids in spelling practice, improving literacy skills in an enjoyable way.

BBC Bitesize – Key Stage 2

What it does:

Free lessons and resources for KS2 students, covering subjects like English, maths, science, and more, through quizzes and games.

How it helps:

Supports school learning with extra practice in a fun, interactive way.

Oxford Owl – Grammar

What it does:

Offers grammar guides and activities in line with the UK curriculum, helping children understand grammar rules clearly.

How it helps:

Improves writing skills by making grammar more understandable and accessible.

The School Run – Key Stage 2

What it does:

Provides worksheets and advice for KS2 children in maths, English, and science, plus tips for parents.

How it helps:

Offers extra learning resources to reinforce school lessons and support home learning.