

### English Focus

We begin our term exploring the book Little Red and comparing it to the traditional tale Little Red Riding Hood. Year 2 will be creating their own characters and setting while Year 1 Reception children will focus on writing their names, graphemes during phonics sessions and mark making in provision.

### Science

Our Science focus will be Seasons. We will focus on observing the changes from Summer to Autumn whilst observing weather patterns and day length. We will then look at Everyday Materials to see if they can distinguish between an object and the material that it is made from. We will identify and name a variety of different materials and will be involved in manipulating and investigating them.

### DT

In DT week at the end of term, we will be making our own Christmas Cookies. Food hygiene and safety when using tools will be considered and food preparation skills honed. Children will learn about the food wheel and discuss why foods should be eaten in greater and lesser quantities.

### P.E

Friday: PE lessons. Please come to school wearing PE kit.

River schools: Every other Tuesday when we are not swimming.

Looking at river safety and walking near, around and in water.

## Fern Class Topic Overview

Autumn Term 2026

### Homework

Please encourage your child to read every day at home. Spellings will be given weekly to children in year 2 to practise at home.

### Maths

Year 2 focus: Place Value, using tens and ones to support addition. We will then look at Addition and Subtraction, including adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers. We will also be continually introducing and practicing our 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Year 1 focus: Place Value to 10, including addition, subtractions and comparing numbers. Addition and Subtraction to 10 including fact families, number bonds and finding a part.

Reception focus: Developing a deep understanding of numbers 0-5, exploring subitising and cardinality of number. Exploring simple patterns.

### Art

During Art lessons this term we will explore the work of Wassily Kandinsky and Piet Mondrian. We will research these artists, generate ideas, be taught the formal elements of their styles and apply this to our own pieces using block printing and painting techniques.

### Computing

We will begin by looking at how we can stay safe online using mobile and computer devices. The children will then learn simple coding techniques using the Apple Curriculum.

### Geography

Our Geography focus will be Our School. We will compare our school to another local school using aerial photographs and Google Maps. We will also make a map of the school grounds, map our route to school and gather data based on how we travel to school.

### Music

In music we will explore pulse, rhythm and tempo.

### History

In history sessions, we will explore the history of toys with an emphasis on the toys of the children's parents and grandparents. We will discuss favourite toys and then go on to look at what toys were like in the past and how they are different to today.

### PSHE

Our core theme this term is Healthy Relationships. We will look at recognising emotions in ourselves and others, respectful relationships and keeping safe online.

### RE

During our R.E sessions we will explore what it means to be a Christian and how Christians share their beliefs. Then we will be looking at the Christmas story and how people celebrate.