

Subject	What is my child learning about at school?
English	<p>Title: <i>Alfie's star</i> Your child will learn to retell the story of <i>Alfie's star</i>. They will engage in lots of drama activities and use props to bring the story to life. Following this, they will then create their own character flaw tale. The children will be learning to use different conjunctions to join sentences, expanded noun phrases and how to use apostrophes for contractions. Using proper punctuation will remain a key focus this term.</p>
	<p>Continue adding to your glossary of interesting words and phrases you find. Remember, at Floreat we have a 'magpie wall', which we use to store shiny words that the children like so that they can use them again later. Encourage your children to steal vocabulary that shines!</p>
Writing	<p>Nelson Handwriting Your child is continuing to write with their 'Perfect Pencil Grip' and 'Posture for Writing'. All Year 2 children have been practising their joined-up Nelson handwriting and need to continue focus on their <u>ascenders</u> and <u>descenders</u>. All children must now be joining their letters.</p>
	<p>You can support your child by ensuring that they sit properly on their chair with their feet on the floor, facing the table with a pencil in their writing hand and their other hand on their work.</p>
	<p>Please ensure that your child completes their home learning in joined up writing and with a sharp pencil.</p>
Reading	<p>Sounds-Write (Phonics) Your child is practising their skills of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Splitting polysyllabic words into their syllables (e.g. hand/bag, wind/mill, syll/a/bles) • Reading polysyllabic words with fluency and applying them in writing. • Further consolidation of sounds and their spellings.
	<p>Whole Class Reading This term in our CUSP reading lessons we will read <i>The Rhythm of the Rain</i> by Grahame Baker-Smith and <i>Little People, Big Dreams: David Attenborough</i>. We will focus on vocabulary, summarising, retrieval, inferencing and personal response to a text.</p> <p>You can support your child by listening to them read every night at home and engaging in discussion about the text. This will help your child to develop comprehension skills as well as a pace and stamina for reading. It is also important to share and read a mixture of picture and longer chapter books with and to your child to broaden their knowledge of books. Reading books must be in school every day. We change books on Tuesday and Friday. We will visit the school library every Friday. Please ensure children's library books are in their bags for them to receive a new library book.</p>
Mathematics	<p>This term in maths, the children will continue learning about division including calculating the number of equal groups in a division story and skip counting to solve a sharing problem. The children will be explicitly taught mathematical vocabulary linked to division such as dividend, divisor and quotient. Our next topic is Geometry: properties of shape. We will focus on exploring 2D and 3D shapes. Children will identify and describe the properties of 2-D shapes, including the number of sides and symmetry in a vertical line. They will learn to identify and describe the properties of 3-D shapes, including the number of edges, vertices and faces. Children will be able to identify 2-D shapes on the surface of 3-D shapes, for example a circle on a cylinder and a triangle on a pyramid as well as compare and sort common 2-D and 3-D shapes and everyday objects. Then we</p>

	will move on to addition and subtraction with 2-digit numbers. Children will then start to look at money, solving problems using the four operations.
	You could support your child at home by counting money, adding and subtracting two-digit numbers and identifying and drawing different 2D and 3D shapes.
Knowledge	<p>Wider Curriculum</p> <p>This term children will focus on the key question: How has art represented aspects of our lives. Children will learn about what Pop art is, observe several examples of Pop Art and learn about the associated artists such as Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein. We will learn about British icons, what an icon is, iconically British people and places and discuss what stereotypes are linked to British culture. Eventually children will become artists and choose something or someone that is iconically British to them and create a Pop Art piece of their own.</p>
	<p>RE</p> <p>This half term in R.E, the children will be focussing on Hinduism; We will learn about Diwali and what it means to Hindus. We will explore Hindus beliefs on reincarnation and learn how they use images and symbols in worship.</p>
	You can support your child at home by questioning them about the areas we are studying this half-term and encouraging them to read widely around them too. Any additional knowledge that your child brings to the classroom will be duly celebrated!
Character	<p>Character</p> <p>This half term your child will be focusing on Creativity, Honesty and Humour. Your child will explore these topics through drama, stories and discussions whilst looking at authentic contexts to analyse and deliberate their approach to them.</p>
	<p>Music</p> <p>This term in music, the children will be exploring a new song called: Zootime. They will be exploring the style of Reggae and learning about poetry and the context of this musical style. The children will be exposed to a range of tempo, beat and dynamics. They will learn key skills such as listening, working together and performing in front of a group.</p>
	<p>Spanish</p> <p>In Spanish, the children will be learning about animals of the rainforest.</p>
	You can support your child by discussing the world around you, stories you read and the things that you see and hear. It would be great for you to share your own experiences of when you have shown the above values.
P.E	This half term, Year 2 will be alternating lessons weekly between Tennis fundamentals: learning about safety, rules, ball and racket control and Dance: moving our bodies within a rhythm, with the topic being living objects e.g., plants and animals.
	Please ensure your child comes into school wearing their full P.E. kit on their PE day. Our PE day is Wednesday .

General reminder – Please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat in school every day so that they can play outside come rain or shine. As we know, the weather in England can change very rapidly! All coats and PE kits must be clearly named.