

Great Waltham C of E Primary School

Year 2 Curriculum Overview Autumn Term 2025

(please note planning can be subject to change).



English

Reading

The children will continue to develop their reading skills by participating in daily phonics sessions and regular whole class reading comprehension lessons.

Handwriting and Spelling

The children will work on letter formation during handwriting practice and spelling skills during phonics sessions.

Creative Writing and Grammar

Our Autumn Term daily writing lessons will be based around **A River by Marc Martin** and **The Night Gardener by The Fan Brothers**. These lessons will focus on writing narratives, letters and diaries and will include daily sentence accuracy sessions to support the development of grammatical understanding, sentence structure and use of punctuation.

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ART and DT

Art - Exploring Colour and Still Life

As artists, the children will learn about colour theory by studying the colour wheel and colour mixing. They will explore primary and secondary colours, hues and how artists use colour in their artwork, including the work of significant still life artists and still life techniques. They will create their own still life arrangements and artwork.

Remarkable Recipes

The children will learn about sources of food and tools used for food preparation. They also discover why some foods are cooked and learn to read a simple recipe.

PE

Ball skills - We will practise throwing, catching controlling, striking a ball with accuracy using a racket and participating in small sided games.

Fitness Skills - We will practise basic movements including running, jumping, skipping and balancing.

Dance - We will be learning to sequence moves and to develop our co-ordination and balance.

All subjects/lessons will be adapted sensitively to match individual /group needs.

Maths

Place Value - Counting, comparing, reading, and writing numbers in digits and words up to 100. Recognise the place value of 2 digit numbers in tens and ones. Count in steps of 2, 3 and 5 from 0 and in 10s from any number forwards and backwards. Use place value facts to solve problems.

Adding/Subtracting - Finding number bonds to 10, 20 and 100. To add and subtract using objects and pictorial representations. To find 10 more and 10 less. To add and subtract two-digit numbers with and without crossing ten. To compare number sentences and solve addition and subtraction problems using the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction to solve missing number problems.

Geometry - To name and recognise 2D and 3D shapes. To count sides and vertices on 2D shapes. To draw 2D shapes. To understand lines of symmetry. To count faces and edges on 3D shapes. To sort 3D shapes. To make patterns using 2D and 3D shapes

Multiplication and Division - 2, 5 and 10 x tables

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Movers and Shakers!



Music

As musicians we will be exploring different ways of making sounds using our voices, bodies and instruments using Charanga and learning the songs for the Christmas performance.

History and Geography

Movers and Shakers - Working as historians the children will learn about historically significant people who have had a major impact on the world. They will learn to use timelines, stories and historical sources to find out about the people featured and use historical models to explore their significance.

Let's explore the world! In geography lessons the children will learn to use atlases, maps and compass points. They will learn about the characteristics of the four countries of the United Kingdom and find out why there are hot, temperate and cold places around the world.

Computing

Y2 - Information Technology Around us - We will develop our understanding of what information technology (IT) is and will begin to identify examples.

Y2 - Digital Photography - We will learn to recognise that different devices can be used to capture photographs and will experience capturing, editing, and improving photos.

Online-safety - We will explore how to keep safe online using National Online Safety resources.

PSHE

Relationships

This term the children will be learning about relationships.

This will include -

- Making friends; feeling lonely and getting help
- Managing secrets; resisting pressure and getting help; recognising hurtful behaviour
- Recognising things in common and differences; playing and working cooperatively and sharing opinions

RE - Christianity

In RE, the children will be considering the key question:

What is the 'good news' that Christians say Jesus brings?

Science

Human Survival - As scientists, the children will be exploring the basic needs of humans for survival, including the importance of exercise, nutrition and good hygiene. They will learn how human offspring grow and change over time into adulthood.

Habitats - This project teaches children about habitats and what a habitat needs to provide. They will explore local habitats to identify and name living things and begin to understand how they depend on one another for food and shelter.

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