



**Lancaster Christ Church of England Primary School  
Curriculum Newsletter  
Year 2**

*Have Faith... In yourself... In others... In God.*

**Welcome to the Spring 1 edition of the Curriculum News where our theme is 'Safari Adventure'. We hope that you will find it useful and informative. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions regarding the curriculum this half term.**

Important information

- P.E. will take place on **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. Please ensure your child is in full P.E kit with long hair tied back and no earrings.
- Reading is vitally important, so please read with your child for a few minutes most evenings and talk about what is read.

Mathematics



Within Maths, children will follow a **mastery approach** to explore:  
addition and subtractions (including problems),  
counting and place value (in the context of statistics),  
time, calculation (addition and subtraction),  
measurement – length and mass, fractions and shape.

English

**Key Text: Lila and the Secret of the Rain**

We will be reading stories based on a different culture, following a phased approach to develop our reading, writing, spelling, punctuation, and grammar skills using this text. We will use this text to inspire writing our own story. We will also start using joined handwriting whenever we write now, not just in the handwriting lesson – this is very exciting!

R.E.

**Why are Holy buildings & places important for people of faith?**

We will make connections between the holy places of the Old Testament and the building of places of worship, making links between the church building and the people. We will also look at the Holy places for people of other faiths, finding similarities and differences between them and churches.

Geography

**Where in the world is Kenya?**

Year 2 will be answering these enquiry questions:  
What is a continent? Where is Kenya and what is it like? What are the key human and physical features of Kenya? What products do we use in the UK that come from Kenya? What is the Maasai Mara National Park and how does it compare to Williamsons Park?

Science  
**Plants**



In Science, we will be working scientifically to answer the question: How does exposure to light affect the healthy growth of a plant and why?  
We will learn about what plants need to grow healthily and how they all germinate and grow at different rates.

P.E.

Children will explore the techniques used in **Striking and Fielding**, to hit and retrieve balls, learn about fielding and why it is important.  
In **Athletics**, we will develop our throwing for accuracy and distance skills, running for speed and exploring whether it is more effective to pass a ball to someone by running, jumping with it or by throwing it.

Music

Year 2 will develop their skills on the glockenspiels, exploring letters and symbols to follow a melody. They will learn to play three notes, understanding which is the lowest, middle and highest pitch.

PSHE



**Keeping Myself Safe**

We be learning how to keep safe by learning about: Safe and unsafe secrets, touches we like and don't like, touches that are ok or not ok (even if they haven't happened to me), how to identify a safe person to tell about something, what medicines are for and how to store and take them safely.

Art/ DT

**Cookies for Lila**

We will learn about Fair Trade products and why these are important. We will evaluate existing products before developing our skills in making these. We will then design and make our own cookie.

Computing

**Create a Picture**

We will learn about various artists and recreate their work on Purple Mash. We will focus on: the Impressionist style of art, pointillism, surrealism and eCollage.