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## New City Primary School Year group: 2 Autumn Term 2023

Welcome back to school. This term we are doing some very interesting and exciting things. We are keen to encourage parents and carers to help in their child's learning at home and as such we are providing you with this overview of what we shall be teaching at school. We also value any resources that you can contribute related to any of our topics. We also ask you to help us by making sure that all homework is completed. If you have any queries please feel free to have a chat with us.

English	Maths	Science
Year 2 will be looking at the authors: Dav Pilkey, Rashmi Sirdeshpande and Benjamin Zephaniah throughout the year. They will also explore authors such as Eileen Browne and Julia Donaldson. The children will be reading a range of stories, such as 'Where the Wild Things Are' and 'A River.' They will be writing their own stories based on these texts using full sentences that include capital letters and full stops. The children will be studying different word types such as 'verbs' and 'conjunctions' and will be applying these to their own writing. The children will write their own fiction and non-fiction texts throughout the term. After half term, the children will be looking at traditional tales and specifically looking at literary devices used by authors.	In Mathematics, the children will read, write and understand the place value of two and three-digit numbers. They will work on strategies around key skills such as adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. The children will add and subtract two-digit numbers using a range of mental strategies. A key skill the children will learn is that multiplication is an inverse operation of division. They will apply this knowledge to solving everyday problems. After half term the children will be concentrating on fractions.;	In the first half of the term, the children will be learning about electricity with a scientific focus on Thomas Edison. The children will be exploring different electrical sources and learning how to create an electric circuit using. They will be learning how to draw a circuit using the electrical symbols and use scientific vocabulary to explain their findings. After half term, the children will be studying Animals and Humans. The children will be finding out and describing the basic needs of animals, including humans for survival (water, food, air). The children will also learn and notice that animals, including humans have offspring which grow into adults.
History & Geography	Music	PSHE
In History, the children will be investigating and understanding the concept of being well known or famous. The children will be creating a chronological time line of significant people and how they have impacted society. After half term, in Geography, the focus of our topic will be the countries within the United Kingdom. The children will be able to name and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom.	The children will be learning a number of songs and through singing games they will be listening and appraising them. The children through solo singing will be able to identify changes in pitch. The children will also build on these skills after the half-term, when they look at tempo and time signatures through identifying the tempo in music and recognising and showing if music is in a 2 or 3 time.	The children will describe the characteristics of a positive community. They will consider how their actions may affect others in the community, children will focus on their own identity. They will recognise their strengths and weaknesses and consider what may influence their identity. They will also learn about stereotypes and the negative effect they can have on an individual's identity, as well as ways to stand up for themselves and others.
PE	Religious Education	Art & DT
In Art and Design during Autumn 1 the children will learn about the critically acclaimed artist Pablo Picasso and his portraits such as "Woman in a Hat with Pom Poms and a Printed Blouse". The children will learn about Picasso's cubist style which breaks up subjects into different shapes at different angles. They will also create their own Picasso inspired portrait of Queen Victoria that links to their learning about significant people in History. Later in Autumn 2, the children will create a mixed media stained glass window symbolising the Christian style. The children will make learning links with Religious Education and gain an understanding of how art is influenced by people and their beliefs.	In RE we will be discussing the topic 'Why do people celebrate festivals?' Children will gain an understanding of world religions and compare them. In the first half term, children will focus on the Kwanza and how this is celebrated in America to honour universal African heritage and culture. In Autumn 2, the children will discuss how special foods and fasting helps people with their faith.	In the first half-term, the children will be studying Balancing and Evasion skills. This will be taught through gymnastics (apparatus work) and basketball. In gymnastics, the children will develop shapes and partner balances accurately and combine and perform skills more fluently and effectively in games. In the second half-term the focus will be on sequences and evasion skills. This will be taught through street dance and football.
Computing	Educational Visits	Homework
The children will learn about technology and how it impacts our life around us. They will learn how to identify different types of IT and how to use it responsibly. They will also learn about capturing and changing digital photographs for different purposes.	We will be organising trips in the coming term and will inform you of dates and venues when they have been confirmed.	Each day children are expected to do some homework. Spellings and writing should be recorded in your child's homework book. Books will be changed regularly. Please use the homework book to record any concerns or comments. <b>The homework schedule is as follows:</b> Monday- Spellings Tuesday- Reading Wednesday- Athletics (online) Thursday – TT Rockstars (online) Friday – Long Write

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