

Infant Topics - Overview

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
y2	Parks, Play, Peace	Forest	Ocean
	Parks	The Tin Forest	y2's studies of the ocean follow the themes of Under
	Learning in y2 begins with a look at traditional parks	A story that begins in a scrapyard comes alive with a	and Over, Near and Far, first through a topic that
	and the park-keeper's job. The children do visit local	focus on materials and their properties including an	takes the class on a
	parks but can also consider National Parks and	understanding of recycling, before turning to the	Journey to the Bottom of the Sea
	nature reserves around the world. Comparing these	needs of living plants and animals. As the story	This includes a study of ocean life alongside an
	open spaces, using mapskills, aerial images, video	unravels through the term, the topic involves a	exploration mythical and magical imagery of life
	and literature, children learn more about the wider	significant amount of exploration of shape and colour	beneath the waves – The Little Mermaid and ideas of
	world and how we relate to different environments.	through sculpture and painted art.	Neptune's Kingdom for example. A local story
	Play	The Riches of the Rainforest	focuses on Morgawr, the legendary sea-monster of
	Continuing with the theme of recreation and leisure	An exploration of tropical forest introduces children	Falmouth Bay and this might lead to studies of
	we turn to children's play and the ways toys and	to a basic understanding of the different climate	simple food chains as we look at the life of the sea
	games have changed through time. This might	zones, biomes and vegetation belts of the world.	and coast that can actually be discovered locally.
	include a focus on stories and performances such as	They are introduced to the idea of natural food	Voyage Across the Oceans
	Peter Pan, Pinocchio or The Nutcraker.	sources and how these support healthy diets. In	The second element of the summer's Ocean topic
	Peace	finding out about growing conditions and where food	secures children's knowledge of the world map,
	Some of these stories are now associated with the	comes from, they may even have the opportunity to	particularly the globes seven continents and its five
	celebrations of Christmastime and leads in to our	compare the hunter gatherers' way of life with settled	oceans. The class then chooses a non-European
	own seasonal festivities. Children also learn about the message of Christmas and consider other stories	farming as they learn about our own local food supply systems.	country to compare their own lives and locality with that of children from overseas.
1/1	In the Country	Around Town	Oh I do like to be beside the Seaside
y1	Enchanted Woodland – Bear Hunt	The Jolly Postman	The Journey to Muzuno Island
	Stories of woodland provide a rich background for y1	Following the Jolly Postman on his rounds, children	Through a fantastical voyage, children learn about
	to discover about the life of plants and trees,	meet a number of familiar story characters and are	the shape of the world, its continents and oceans.
	including the names and functions of their different	introduced to their imaginary community. They	They learn compass directions, geographical
	parts. They can link this with learning about the	learn about how letters are sent and received and	language and the names of distant lands and seas
	human body and turning to <i>Alice's Adventures in</i>	how the organization and layout of towns can be	They compare boats and ships through time and the
	Wonderland	understood through maps and codes. They	lives of the people who sailed them. After looking at
	where, in planning and serving a tea-party of their	investigate the geography and built environment of	famous sea voyages such as the Mayflower or
	own, children learn about nutrition and healthy	the area around the school and Falmouth in general.	Titanic, study then turns to Falmouth's packet ships
	eating. Other activities include understanding about	They may also take the opportunity to get to know a	and Marlborough House's own Captain John Bull.
	scale and using maps and symbols.	little more about the postman's mode of transport	On the Seashore
	Polar Express	and learn about cycles and cycling through time.	We then look at the importance of our beaches both
	Towards the end of term, and beginning to observe	Cityscapes	past and present, considering holidays through time
	local weather patterns in a study of seasonal change	Building on discoveries about the locality, focus then	and the lives of people who make the shore their
	that takes them through the year, learning looks at	moves to the characteristics of large cities. Children	homes. Stories such as The Lighthouse Keeper's
	snow and ice and will include a study of aspects of	may learn something of cities in the UK before	Lunch may provide a focus in class whilst visits to
1 1	Polar regions as well as practical investigations.	choosing a foreign city to study in detail.	local sites will include studies of rock pool life.

These topics provide a vehicle for teachers to plan learning experiences for the children to access all aspects of the National Curriculum. English and Mathematics concepts and skills are also taught in distinct lessons. There is a daily Reading Roundabout in key stage 1 – we use *Letters and Sounds* as a backbone for phonics and support children's learning of reading with a range of teaching resources and strategies.