Year 2 Autumn 1
Community and Identity

English
As Readers and Writers we will:

- Read stories such as The Wind in the Willows, The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch, Tyrannosaurus Drip, and non-fiction about fossil hunters.
- Write clear sentences with capital letters and full stops.
- Use expanded noun phrases and join ideas with and, or and but.
- Write descriptions and instructions.
- Read back writing to edit and improve.
- Use question marks and exclamation marks correctly.

History
Dinosaur Discoveries

As Historians we will:

- Learn that dinosaurs lived millions of years ago, long before humans.
- Discover that fossils are the remains or marks left by living things.
- Explore how palaeontologists study fossils to learn about dinosaurs.
- Learn that dinosaur fossils were found in Sussex, including the Iguanodon.
- Find out about Mary Anning, an important fossil hunter.

Maths
As Mathematicians we will:

- Work with numbers to 100, recognising tens and ones and using a place value chart.
- Partition numbers in different ways and write numbers to 100 in words and expanded form.
- Put tens on a number line, and compare and order numbers and objects.
- Count in 2s, 5s, 10s, and 3s.
- Begin addition and subtraction, including bonds to 10, fact families, related facts, and tens bonds to 100.

Science
Sussex wildlife explorers

As Scientists we will:

- Learn that living things move, breathe, sense, and get rid of waste.
- Explore the differences between living, dead and never alive things.
- Find out that a habitat gives a living thing everything it needs to survive.
- Discover that living things depend on each other.
- Investigate habitats and microhabitats in our local Sussex environment.





What is wonderful about Sussex?

In this half term, Year 2 will explore what makes Sussex such a special place. From woodlands and coastlines to dinosaurs and fossils, they will learn about the natural world, local history and the people who helped us understand it. Children will develop curiosity, creativity and a sense of responsibility for their environment.



RE
As thoughtful learners we will:

- Explore how religions and worldviews help people belong and understand who they are.
- Learn what Christianity teaches about belonging.
- Learn what Islam teaches about belonging.

Geography
Coast, county and community

As Geographers will:

- Revisit where Horsham is and learn it is a town in West Sussex.
- Learn that West Sussex is a county, and that England is made up of counties.
- Find out where West Sussex and East Sussex are on a map.
- Learn that we live in England, a country in the United Kingdom.

PE
As Athletes we will:

- Practise key movement skills indoors: dodging, changing direction, moving safely.
- Build coordination and confidence by combining movements.
- Follow simple rules to keep everyone safe and enjoy PE.
- Outdoors: play team games, practise marking and shadowing, use basic rules to organise small games, and show teamwork and encouragement.

Music
As Musicians we will:

- Learn that folk songs tell stories about people and places.
- Explore Sussex folk music and how it shows identity and community.
- Sing simple Sussex melodies with growing confidence.
- Use tuned percussion to show pitch changes (high and low).

Computing
As Computer Scientists we will:

Children will:

- Learn that an algorithm is a set of instructions.
- Understand that algorithms need clear, precise steps.
- Write simple typed algorithms in the right order.
- Use iPads to film themselves following an algorithm to show predictable outcomes.

DT
As Designers and Makers we will:

- Learn that clay is a soft material that can be shaped, pressed, rolled, and joined.
- Plan ideas by drawing and labelling what they want to make.
- Choose suitable tools such as wooden tools, plastic knives, rollers, and texture stamps.
- Follow simple making steps: roll → pinch → press → join → smooth.
- Explore textures using lines, dots, patterns, and natural objects from Sussex.

Art and Design
As Artists we will:

- Explore Sussex landscapes that show identity and community.
- Use drawing tools like fine liners and charcoal with control.
- Practise marks showing texture, tone, and detail.
- Create artwork inspired by Eric Ravilious celebrating Sussex.