

# Year 2 – Spring Term 1 2024

How can we help save the planet by recycling?  
What materials can we recycle?

Topic Driver –  
Science  
Recycling Poem

Topic Outcome

Oral storytelling:  
Write a poem about recycling and read them to Year 3.

## ENGLISH

We will be writing our version of a narrative 'finding' tale, using the talk for writing process. We will use our knowledge about animals to describe the main character – a whale. We will develop positive attitudes towards and stamina for writing by: writing for different purposes and writing a non-chronological report.

In our writing we aim to build confidence in our language features and to create exciting explanations by using subordination (using when, if, that, or because) and co-ordination (using or, and, or but). We will look at rhetorical questions and adverbs to describe the main character and show his emotions to make the reader feel sympathy and empathy for him. We will continue to learn to read and spell using RWI and by segmenting spoken words into phonemes and representing these by graphemes, spelling many correctly. We will also learn to spell common exception words. Our handwriting will have the correct spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters.

## History

In history we are going to explore people who are beyond our living memory and look at them and events that are significant both nationally and locally. We will begin by looking at the importance of George Stephenson, a famous local person who had a massive worldwide impact. We will also use a wide range of sources, including trips and eyewitness accounts to build a picture about the past. We will look at timelines and his professional and personal life.

T4W –Non -Fiction – Non-  
Chronological Report  
**Innovation: History** - A report about George Stephenson.  
**Invention: Science** – a report about properties of materials.

## COMPUTING PROJECT EVOLVE

Managing Online Information  
We will look at strategies for effective searching, critical evaluation, and ethical publishing.

## PSHRE

We will be looking at lots of different relationships and the 'VIPS' our very important people. We will be learning about the people whose job it is to help keep us safe, about the roles different people (e.g. acquaintances, friends and relatives) play in our lives. We will also be looking to identify the people who love and care for us and what they do to help us feel cared for; about different types of families including those that may be different to our own.

## Innovation

We will change the animal that the boy finds to help.

**Invention:** The two main characters will be changed.

## MATHS

We will be learning the following topics:  
**Multiplication and Division:** We will be learning to calculate multiplication and division questions and write them using the multiplication ( $\times$ ), division ( $\div$ ) and equals ( $=$ ) signs, show that multiplication of two numbers can be done in any order (commutative) and division of one number by another cannot.  
**Times Tables:** We will be practising our ten times table, five times tables and two times tables.  
**Little and Often** – we will also be revising our addition and subtraction facts as well as time and problem solving.

## PE

**Football** – we will be learning different ball skills and how to move around, passing skills and working in a team.  
**Gymnastics** – we will be learning different balancing skills.

## RE

**Expressions of Belief**  
We will explore how religious identity and belonging are expressed through baptism, services of dedication (symbols, words, actions, vows and promises).

## SCIENCE

In science we will be learning how to identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses. Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. We will then use this knowledge to support our recycling project.

## CREATIVE

In our art lessons we will be learning to scrunch, roll and shape materials and bond materials to create a 3D recyclable animal.  
In music we find out that some songs have a chorus or a response/answer part.  
To know that songs have a musical style.

## T4W

Fiction:

Finding Tale –

The Storm Whale.

