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## New City Primary School Year group: 2 Spring Term 2024

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
The 'Author of the Term' focus will be Rashmi Sirdeshpande. We will also be reading a range of stories by David Litchfield and Michael Bond such as 'We're all wonders' and 'The Bear and the Piano'. The children will be exploring the stories and their use of language, and looking at the characters in the books. The children will be writing their own stories based on these texts. After half term, the children will be looking at classic tales, poetry, Narrative and extended stories. The children will be specifically looking at literary devices used by authors.	In Mathematics the children will continue to develop their understanding of place value of 2 and 3 digit numbers. They will be learning about fractions of shapes and amounts. The children will also be learning about how to represent them as equivalent fractions. A key skill children will learn is developing their use of mental strategies focusing on time, money and measures. During the term the children will be looking at subtraction using both written and mental strategies. They will also be testing their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.	In the first half of the term, the children will be learning about the different uses of materials with a scientist focus on John Loudon McAdam. The children will be exploring different materials and learning how to absorbency They will be learning how solids can be changed and use scientific vocabulary to explain their findings. After half term, the children will be studying Plants. The children will be observing and finding out how seeds and bulbs grow. The children will also describe the basic parts and functions of plants and how they grow and reproduce.
History & Geography	Music	Art & DT
In History, children will be investigating and learning about famous British Monarchs. The children will be creating a chronological timeline of Kings and Queens, their role in the past and present and how they have impacted on society. Particular monarchs studied will include Henry VIII, Queen Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II. After half term, in Geography, the focus of the topic will be India. In particular the children will identify and name the surrounding oceans, cities within India as well as investigating the weather and comparing it to that of the UK.	This term the music focus will be 'Rhythm.' The children will read '4 beat rhythms' and use word phrases to compose and perform their own compositions. They will also build on these skills after the half-term, when they create music in response to a stimuli. The children will compose a graphic score which they will follow and perform to an audience.	In Art and Design, during Spring 1, the children will create a mixed media portrait of Henry VII in the style of the Pop artist Andy Warhol. They will make learning links with History and begin to recognise that portraiture of historical figures such as monarchs is historical evidence and be a statement of power. Later in Spring 2, the children will create a sculpture in clay of an elephant in the style of a painted Indian elephant. They will make learning links with Geography and begin to recognise that art is influenced by the geographical surroundings of the artist.
Computing	Religious Education	PSHE
The children will learn about design in programming. They will describe a series of instructions as a sequence and then explain what happens when they change the order of instructions. After half term the children will be using the programme ScratchJr to begin creating their own Quiz by sequencing a series of codes and algorithms. Opportunities throughout the term will allow the children to edit and improve their work.	In RE the children will be discussing the topic 'What Stories did Jesus Tell.' The children will read stories that Jesus was involved in and the messages from them. The Children will gain an understanding of the Christian religion and compare them with other religions. In Spring 2, the children will discuss the festival of Easter, who celebrates it and how.	The children will be looking at Bullying, in particular knowing about different types of bullying and discussing strategies for dealing with experiencing or witnessing bullying. After half term the children will focus on the topic- 'All about Me.' They will describe themselves using adjectives, discuss their families, express their own feelings and name their body parts.
PE	Educational Visits	Homework
In the first half-term, the children will be studying travelling and movement. This will be taught through gymnastics (apparatus work) and Netball. In gymnastics, the children will perform movement phrases with control and accuracy. After half term the children will be creating different movements and expressive phrases in dance. The children will have the opportunity to perform to an audience. The children will also be taking part in orienteering and working as part of a team	We will be organising a visit to Kensington Palace in the coming term and will inform you of dates 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- Mathematics (online) Thursday – TT Rockstars (online) Friday – Long Write

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