Rational for our Year 2 curriculum.

In Year 2 we build on the foundations from Year 1 and we have planned opportunities for our children to draw upon and extend their prior knowledge. We have chosen topics which the children enjoy: we want to make learning 'irresistible' and our curriculum will change depending on our children: there is no limit to our thirst for learning. We aim to provide memorable learning experiences, making links where possible and allowing the children to form cohesive and well sequenced knowledge; for example, we build on the diary work in Year 1 through our Great Fire of London topic. In Year 2 we offer a broad and balanced curriculum which fulfils and exceeds the national curriculum, is relevant to our children and enables all children to make progress. We have also made links with our local area; for example, Beatrix Potter had family in Stalybridge and our habitats topic involves a local visit. We have chosen quality texts and a mixture of picture books and more traditional books, including the classic Princess Smartypants. The rich texts will allow our children to build upon their vocabulary knowledge and further encourage us to be a year group which loves reading!

Our topics are planned in conjunction with Year 1 staff and Year 3 staff to ensure a clear sequence of skills across year groups.

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	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	8 wks 31/9-19/10	7 wks 2/11-14/12	6 wks 4/1-8/2	6 wks 22/2-29/3	5 wks 19/4-17/5	7 wks 7/6-26/7
	Happily Ever After	Frozen Planet	Fire! Fire!	Who wrote Peter Rabbit?	Weird and wonderful creatures	
Maths	Place value (4) Addition and subtraction (4)	Addition and subtraction (3) Money (2) Multiplication and division (2)	Multiplication and division (4) Fractions (2) Assessments	Fractions (1) Shape (3) Stats (2)	Time (2) Length and height (2) Position and direction (1)	Mass, capacity and temperature (3) Consolidation and problem solving (3)
English	Narrative - Traditional tales with a twist (Y1 Cinderella, Little Red Hen) Instructions	Poetry – free verse Persuasion (letter writing to FC) News report	GFoL poetry (diamantes) First Person narrative (diary entry) (Y1 beanstalk diary)	Stories by the same author (Beatrix Potter) (Y1 Jill Murphy study – retell the story)	Non chronological report	Stories in familiar settings (Y1 Jill Murphy, Dogger)
Writing assessment	Instructions (Eggbox Dragon)	News report (Shackleton's journey)	Diary/retell	Information text (author fact file) Retell (BP story)	Animal report	Bee & Me retell (putting the words to the picture book)
English texts	Rapunzel (4)	Winter Sleep: a hibernation story.	Toby and the GFoL	Various Beatrix Potter books	Dougal's Deep Sea Diary	Bog Baby Bee&Me

	The Adventures of	Shackleton's	Charlie and the		Tiddler	Hodgeheg
	Egg Box Dragon (4)	journey.	GFoL		Duffy's lucky	The big book of the
	Paperbag Princess	Little People, Big	Vlad and the GFoL		escape	blue
	The three little	Dreams: Ernest			Hodgeheg	The clue is in the poo
	wolves and the big bad pig Small knight and	Shackleton.			Various animal non-fiction texts and examples	One plastic bag
	George and the Royal				and examples	
	Chocolate Cake The snowflake					
	mistake					
Science	Use of every day materials (Y1	Animals including humans (Y1 how		All living things and their habitats (not	Plants – Ready, steady, grow!	All living things and their habitats (not
	designing umbrellas)	humans grow, our		covered in Y1)	(Y1 beans,	covered in Y1)
		pets)			nastursiams)	
Experiment focus'		How does growing			What do plants	Trip
		affect our bodies?			need to grow? (cress/grass)	
Geography	Location of castles Who lived there? Why were castles built? Where?	Frozen Planet Covers: Continents, Oceans (new to Y2), weather/climate (covered in Y1 science)	Capital city (London focus)		Mapping skills (Y1 map of classroom)	
History	Differences between then and now	(6616.66 12 5616.166)	Significant person – Samuel Pepys		Stalybridge then and now – changes on the high street	
	(castles). Significant		Significant events			
	events beyond living		beyond living			
	memory.		memory (GFoL)			
	Significant person -					
	William the					
	Conqueror					
	(Y1 cover events in					
	living memory)					

Art	Colour chaos – (twinkl and access art unit)	Houses from around the world (access art) (auroura borealis art)			Minibeast artwork (access art)	Nature sculptures (twinkl unit), mono printing with oil pastel and carbon copy paper (access art)	
D&T	Shield design and make. Egg Box Dragon		Dips and dippers – links to healthy eating, SCARF and science (twinkl planit)				
RE	Who is a Muslim and v	, · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		How and why do we celebrate special and sacred times?		How should we care for others and the world and why does it matter?	
PDMU	Me and My Relationships	Valuing Differences	Keeping Myself Safe	Rights and Responsibilities	Being My Best	Growing and Changing	
RSE		R10. To judge what kind of physical contact is acceptable, comfortable, unacceptable and uncomfortable and how to respond (including who to tell and how to tell them) R11. That people's bodies and feelings can be hurt (including what makes them feel comfortable and uncomfortable)	H12. Rules for and ways of keeping physically and emotionally safe including responsible ICT use and online safety, road safety, cycle safety and safety in the environment, rail, water and fire safety	L4. That they belong to different groups and communities such as family and school R8. To identify and respect the differences and similarities between people	R3. The difference between secrets and nice surprises (that everyone will find out about eventually) and the importance of not keeping any secret that makes them feel uncomfortable, anxious or afraid	L8. Ways in which they are all unique; understand that there has never been and will never be another 'them' L9. Ways in which we are the same as all other people; what we have in common with everyone else	
No outsiders text focus	First Slodge	Blown Away		Families The Odd Egg		What the Jackdaw saw	

Computing	Creating pictures and	Online safety	Research using a			Coding (
	bee-bots (beginning		search engine			+ bee-bots)
	coding)					
Music	Little Red Riding		The Great Fire of			
	Hood		London (BBC			
			Teach) (3 sessions)			
Special occasions	Science week 4 th -10 th	Diwali (14 th	Chinese New Year	Mother's Day (14th	Father's Day (20th	
	October	November)	(Friday 12 th Feb)	March)	June)	
		Bonfire Night	Valentine's day	St George's Day		
		Remembrance – 8 th	Safer Internet Day	(23 rd April)		
		November	9 th February	World Book Day		
		Anti-bullying week		(4 th March)		
		16 th -20 th Nov				
Trips	Beeston Castle		Sir William Petty			
			(visitor) or			
			Staircase House			

Text in red highlights learning from Year 1.