

Topic Overview Year 2 - The Circus

Classroom Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Circus Display and topic books 	Educational Visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Library visit to take out books ✓ Circus Skills workshop ✓ Explorer Dome - Science
Key Texts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Mr Ben and the Big Top ✓ Olivia Saves the Circus ✓ Claude at the Circus ✓ Class story: Tumtum and Nutmeg: A Circus Adventure 	Home links - activities parents can do to support the topic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Reading together daily ✓ Talking about what we read- use questions ✓ Practising times tables (2's,3's, and 5's) ✓ Practising spellings
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Innovation, Diary and Recount writing ✓ Drama- speaking and Listening 	Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Strategies for multiplication and division. ✓ Word problems ✓ Time
Physical Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Go Noodle movement activities ✓ Multi Skills 	Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Science Explorer Dome - Space ✓ Identifying and naming plants ✓ Knowing what plants need to grow ✓ The four seasons and weather
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Whole school singing 	Art and design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Discussing features of paintings, including 'The Brighton Pierrots' and create own responses to these using different media ✓ Make Circus tents ✓ Design and make a trapeze artist ✓ Pointillism
Relax Kids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Whole class guided meditation/visualisation time. 	History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Know how the circus has changed over time ✓ Understand how sources, e.g. photographs and paintings, can tell us about the past
RE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Learning about different texts that are important to different religions. 	Outdoor Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Problem solving and games in maths, exploring shape, space and measure ✓ Construction activities

PSHE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Consider the use of animals within the circus ✓ Making choices to help with getting on with others ✓ Celebrating the strengths of others 	IT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Developing typing skills ✓ Using technology to find information ✓ Find images using ICT ✓ Using the B-bot to give directions.
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Vision themes:

<p>Critical thinking and problem solving</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science experiments • Explore Maths (reasoning and problem-solving in maths, additional 10 mins in the afternoon) 	<p>Physical and mental well-being</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE (twice a week) • Forest School • Relax Kids • PSHE 	<p>Global and local citizenship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE - comparison of texts which are important to different religions
<p>Communication and social skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunchtime conversation skills • Group discussion skills • Awareness of difference 	<p>Creativity and Innovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art and DT projects - designing, making and evaluating 	<p>Key Academic Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Year 2 Grammar rules and spelling patterns • Understanding multiplication and division • IT skills

