



Year 2 Curriculum News

Summer 2023

English

This term, we will focus on a few different genres including narrative, persuasive text in the form of a letter to Hamley's Toy Shop and poetry. We will explore further the features of non-chronological reports focusing on the animals in the Galapagos Island. We will be using drama and story mapping to develop our speaking and listening skills and the children will practise their proofreading, evaluating and editing their own writing.

We will continue to learn different spelling patterns weekly and carry out a spelling test the following week, these include the common exception words for Year 2.

Maths

This term we will be covering the following topics:

- Fractions
- Time
- Position and direction

Please practise telling the time with your children at home. We will also continue to work with the four operations; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children will be using concrete objects and pictorial representations. They will also be applying their increasing knowledge of mental and written methods.

Science

Our Science units this term are **Living Things and their Habitats and Plants.**

The children will:

- Exploring the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive
- Exploring different habitats for a variety of living things
- Describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals and look at simple food chains
- Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants
- Find out and describe what plants need to grow and stay healthy

Reading

Whole Class Reading takes place every morning. The children will be reading a wide range of stories and non-fiction. There will also be a guided reading session each afternoon, where the children will further develop their reading and comprehension skills. Children are encouraged to develop pleasure in reading and motivation to read.

Please make sure your child brings their book bag to school every day. Please make sure you read with your child every day.

PSHE

In **PHSE** we will be discussing our school value of Contribution. We will also be discussing Economic wellbeing & Financial Capability. We will also continue to build on our knowledge of a growth mind-set.

History

Our **History** topics are **The Stone Age and The Neolithic Age.** Children will:

- understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources.
- know where the people and events they study fit within a chronological framework
- identify similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods.
- use a wide vocabulary of everyday historical terms.
- understand some of the ways in which we find out about the past and identify different ways in which it is represented.

RE

In R.E, we will explore what places are special and why they are special? We will also explore what places are special to members of a belief or religion community.

Our focus religion will be Hinduism.

Computing

In **Computing** children will be learning about E-safety. We will also be using Purple Mash to learn simple coding.

Art

In Art the children will be practising their craft, painting and drawing skills and will further develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space. The children will create a simple weave, design a plate, develop their shading skills and further explore painting. They will also be finding out about the work of different artists such as Clarice Cliff and Nancy McKrosky.

PE Kit

Year 2 will have PE every Monday. The PE kit should contain a t-shirt, leggings or tracksuit bottoms and a pair of plimsolls or trainers. PE lessons will be outside as much as possible so please also include a sweatshirt.