

Curriculum Newsletter: Year 2 (Summer Term 1)

Mathematics:

We will continue to ensure the children have secure methods to add, subtract, multiply and divide. We will use these strategies solving problems including using money. We will develop our work telling the time, extending to five minute intervals and ordering the months of the year. Children will continue to learn their times tables, recalling them quickly and out of order. We will also focus on fractions finding halves, quarters and three quarters of shapes and amounts. We will be looking at measurements and scales, knowing how to read and access a different types of scales.

Science:

Children will learn about living things and the characteristics of all living things. They will specifically learn about nocturnal animals and their habitats, identifying and naming them. They will describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants and how they rely on each other. They will consider why they are suited to their environment. They will be introduced to the idea of the food chain.

Religious Education:

The topic for this term will be Leaders and Teachers. They will start off from the viewpoint of leaders in their own lives (head teacher, Prime Minister, Queen, captain or manager of a football team etc). They will then learn about Moses and Jesus and consider their leadership qualities according to the Bible and Christian beliefs. They will decide what makes a good leader and share their ideas with their class.

Music:

Children will participate in weekly singing assemblies. Children will continue to access weekly music lessons in class, looking at beat, rhythm, repetition and pitch.

Physical Education:

Children will continue to access two sessions of PE each week. In games our focus will move towards kicking. Children will develop their basic skill on their own and with a partner. They will then apply these skills in small games situations. Children will also develop their dance skills by completing a unit of dance called 'dance around the world'.

Art / Design and Technology:

Children will produce observational drawings of Birds of Prey using real life experiences and photographs. We will also be creating group collages.

Animal Antics



Our new topic will focus on animals. A visit from some owls will generate interest in nocturnal animals and lead to their understanding of habitats and sustainability.

Geography / History:

During this topic the children will look at animals around the world. They will learn about the rainforest, polar lands and the desert. They will consider the animals living there and why they are suited to their environment.

English:

This half term children will learn how to write interesting and factual non-chronological reports linked to our 'Animal Antics' topic. Children will also learn how to write a recount, linked to our Birds of Prey visit. Children will be consolidating their grammar skills and applying them to sentence writing. Children will have a Big Write each week where they will practice all the skills they know across a range of genres. They will also be learning how to write animal poems learning how to use similes and alliteration

PSHE:

The whole school topic for this term will be 'Keeping and staying healthy'. Children will take part in lessons that include topics such as personal hygiene, healthy eating and medicine. Children will also learn about water and sun safety as we approach the summer months.

Dates for your diary:

Year 2 SATs will take place during May
Birds of Prey Visit Year 2—30th April

Homework:

Weekly English and Mathematics homework will be set. Occasionally, topic homework may be set as an alternative to this. Weekly spellings will be sent home and children are expected to read daily at home.