

# Granby Primary School

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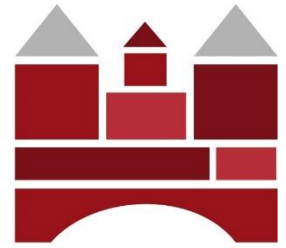
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## Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter



## Summer 2023



### English

This term, we will be using the 'Talk for Writing' approach to explore the text 'Lila and the Secret of Rain'. We started with an exciting 'hook morning' where children immersed themselves in Kenyan culture through music, dance and crafts. Children will recount Lila's journey and then write their own recounts, changing the setting to the UK. After half term we will be reading the book 'The Knight who wouldn't Fight' and doing some creative writing around this. Throughout the term, we will continue to practise and refine the Year 2 skills in spelling, grammar and punctuation.

### Mathematics

This term the children will be revising and practising the maths knowledge they have learnt in Year 2. They will start with securing their knowledge of addition and subtraction, including solving problems, using money and finding change. They will be using practical resources to demonstrate their understanding of how different amounts of money can be represented in different ways, embedding their understanding of different coins and notes. After half term we will be sorting and comparing 2D and 3D shapes and finding right angles. We will also be exploring measure and think about mass and volume.

### Science

This term the children will become gardeners. They will prepare, plant and observe plants growing, thinking about the conditions that seeds need to germinate and that plants need to grow. They will take part in several experiments to deepen their understanding of a variety of different plants and how they adapt to different habitats. After half term, pupils will be learning about changing materials and will study some famous scientists who developed new materials such as John Dunlop and Charles Macintosh.



## PE

We will be developing social skills alongside physical movement as well as practising skills required to play tennis. After half term we will have gymnastic sessions and focus on our fitness.

## RE

We will explore the terms 'belonging' and 'beliefs' across faiths, becoming increasingly familiar with the belief systems of Christianity, Sikhism, Islam, Hinduism and Humanism.

## Art & Design

We will be observing and drawing the different parts of a plant and developing painting skills with a still life piece. Pupils will also make a plant pot or vase from clay and decorate their creation.

## PSHCE

In our antibullying topic we will consider feelings around bullying and look at responses and strategies to protect ourselves. Towards the end of the year we will think about change in our lives and strategies to help us cope with this.

## Computing

The children will explore the coding unit of Purple Mash, increasing their understanding of algorithms and learn how to design, create and test their own programs. Then we will use binary trees and databases to answer questions.

## Music

Pupils will be using the themes of 'seasons' and 'water' to explore pitch and melody. They will consider how to use their singing voices with expression and learn how to convey a song using sign language.

## Geography

Children will continue to locate the seven continents and discuss the location of hot and cold areas in relation to the equator. They will develop their geographical and mapping skills by comparing Kenya to the UK.

## History

We will be learning about castles that are local to us. What the purpose of a castle is and what features they have. We will also learn about Richard III and how he is significant to Leicester.

## Design Technology

Pupils will recognise 3D shapes within a castle structure and use a 2D net to assemble a 3D castle.

## Important Information

- Children should continue to read to an adult at home for at least ten minutes each night. It is essential that reading books are brought to school every day. Children also need to practise their recognition and spelling of common exception words: these can be found at the front of their reading diary along with the 'everyday words' from our phonics scheme.
- Homework is sent home on a **Friday** and needs to be returned by the following **Wednesday**; we would encourage you to support your child in these tasks.
- PE will continue to be on **Monday for both 2B Ladybirds and for 2M Butterflies**. Please remember that children should come to school in their standard school PE uniform on those days and that clothing needs to be suitable for both outdoor and indoor sessions. Children with pierced ears that earrings should be removed at home if possible.
- Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school with them each day - this is especially important now that we are entering the summer term. Remember that only water is permitted in their class bottle, with squash and juice being reserved for packed lunches.
- As the weather warms up, you may wish to apply sun cream to your child before they come to school. They may bring a small tube in to school with them to top up with and they will need to be able to apply this themselves. Please show them how. Thank you!