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Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter



Spring Term: 'The Environment'



English

The children will become familiar with traditional tales, exploring the features of different stories as a stimulus to create their own 'tale with a twist'! They will continue to develop and improve their grammar skills, particularly with different sentence forms [statements, commands, questions and exclamation sentences]. During our phonics sessions, the children will have opportunities to explore new spelling rules, as well as continue to develop and apply their comprehension and inference skills within Guided Reading.

Mathematics

The children will continue to build on their knowledge of place value to show how 2-digit numbers can be represented using different combinations of tens and ones. The children will be learning about properties of shapes [both 2D & 3D] including recognising right angles and lines of symmetry. They will continue to learn to recognise and find fractions of shapes and whole numbers as well as read and use scales on pictograms and block graphs. The children will also be practising telling the time to five-minute intervals.

Science

The children will begin the term by exploring the Polar Regions and recognising how animals adapt to polar habitats. They will learn about the greenhouse effect through a simple experiment, predicting what they think will happen based on their existing knowledge. The children will be introduced to the terms reduce, reuse and recycle and they will explore the materials of objects and use this to suggest how best to use the waste that is left behind from everyday objects to help protect and care for our environment. The children will also think about plastic pollution and ways we can reduce this.



PE

We will be finding out how good our balance is and working on improving it in a range of different moves. We will also assess our fitness and aim towards running a mile non-stop.

RE

The children in Year 2 will become increasingly familiar with stories from different religions.

History

The children in Year 2 will find out about the explorer Captain Robert Falcon Scott and his expedition to the Antarctic. They will write diary extracts as Captain Scott.

Geography

The children will be able to identify and describe the similarities between the Arctic, Antarctic and our local environment. Year 2 will identify ways to care for the world we live in.

Design and Technology

The children will design and create their own piece of bunting and/or door hanger. They will learn basic sewing skills to create their bunting using recycled fabrics.

PSHE

We are exploring 'feelings' and how we express these and recognise them. We will talk about how we can manage our feelings and the feelings of others, recognising the full range of different feelings we might have.

Computing

The children will continue to use their mouse and keyboard skills along with computer software to create pieces of artwork on screen.

Music

Linking with our topic 'The Environment', the children will learn some new songs around the theme of the weather and travel.

Important Information

- Children should read to an adult at home for at least ten minutes a night. Books and reading records must be brought to school every day. Pupils 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 phase 3 and 5 graphemes.
- Children's homework will be sent out on a Thursday and will either be focused on maths, English or topic work. The work will always reflect what the children have been learning about in school that week.
- PE in Year 2 is on a **Monday**. Please ensure the children are wearing suitable PE kit on the day. Jewellery must be removed at home.
- Children are encouraged to bring water bottles to drink from during the day. Please do not send squash, fruit juice or drinks of any other kind.

Many thanks!

Year 2 Staff