

Year 2 Autumn 1

In **English**, the children will be reading, writing and performing poetry based on our transition topic of Pirates. They will be doing fictional writing based on the book 'Dear Greenpeace' and their non-fictional work will be based around factfiles on endangered animals.

In **Science**, the children will learn about Animals including humans. They will notice that animals have offspring and grow into adults. Find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air). Describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.

The **Art** unit this half term for Cherry class is Drawing: Tell a story. Using storybook illustration as a stimulus, children will explore a wider range of mark-making tools and experiment with creating texture to add detail to drawings. Year 2 **Willow** will do **Forest school** this half term on a Friday.

In **Music**, all the learning is centred around Musical elements. Children will become familiar with pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo and dynamics. They will be able to identify these in a variety of music. Using body percussion, untuned percussion and glockenspiels, they will explore rhythms and beat groupings.

The children will start this term continuing their 'Pirate' transition topic to engage and ease them into Year 2. This will culminate with a **pirate performance and dress up day** (costumes at the ready!) on **Friday 11th September 3pm**. You will then be invited into the classroom to have a look around, meet the staff and see what Year 2 is about.



In **Geography**, the children will learn about the World's wonders. They will name the location of the World's oceans and consider what is unique about our local area. They will think about the question.. Why is our World Wonderful?

In **Computing** the children will be learning about IT Around Us. They will look at information technology at school and beyond, in settings such as shops, hospitals and libraries.

In **PE** the children will be doing the unit Look, Run, Avoid. They will play team games, developing simple tactics of attacking and defending.

In **DT**, the children will be designing, making and evaluating their own pirate peg doll. This is linked to their transition topic.

In **Maths**, the children will start with a quick recap of some Year 1 objectives before moving onto the Place Value unit of work. Children will be exploring different ways to partition numbers into tens and ones, compare numbers and estimate. They will then start the unit addition and subtraction. Alongside this they will be rehearsing key facts and the composition of numbers through our mastering number program.

In **PSHE**, under the topic heading 'Me and my relationships'. The children will explain some ways that they can get help, if they are being bullied or what they can do if someone teases them. They will suggest rules that will help to keep them happy and friendly.

The **RE** topic is 'How we can make good choices.' The children will explore how people always face moral choices, they will think about what makes a happy classroom and the purpose of rules. They will study moral codes from Judaism, Islam and Christianity and look at non-religious stories, thinking about what makes the best rules for life.