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Newsletter

What we have been up to:

In Year 2 we have been...

making pizzas in DT choosing our favourite toppings.



We also made jam sandwiches and eaten them. This was part of our English unit about instructional writing.

As part of RE the children have looked at celebrations in different faiths.



Curriculum:

English

In English, we will be looking at the story *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark*, identifying the features and sequence of events in the story. After this, we move on to a unit of Non Chronological Reports where we will be identifying the different features to write our own all about an animal from Africa. In whole class reading we will continue to focus on comprehension and answering questions using the text. Spellings will continue and the new spelling sheet should be in your child's planner.

How can I help at home?

Please practise spellings and hear your child read regularly. Ask your child questions about the text to support the comprehension work taught in whole class reading.

Maths

In maths we will be finishing our topic on multiplication and division before moving to a new topic learning about money. In multiplication Year 2 cover the 2s, 5s and 10s tables and divide by 2, 5 and 10 and look at the relationship between the two. The work we have completed on partitioning, counting in tens and the 'five and a bit structure' really help the child to count money and make totals. We introduce the pound symbol but use the word and when using it with pence eg £5 and 20p.

How can I help at home?

Break out those change pots and get counting totals in whole pounds and coins up to one pound. Little and often really helps! Keep working on number bonds to 10, 20 and 100. There is a great free app by White Rose Maths called 1 Minute Maths and it supports key instant recall number facts.

Phonics

This term we will continue to follow the Sounds Write scheme looking at the extended code.

How can I help at home?

If your child is stuck on a word encourage them to sound it out and use the skills taught in class.



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In Science, we are finding out about living things and their habitats. We will also be looking at some microhabitats in the wildlife garden. As well as understanding that some things are alive, once was alive or was never alive.

How can I help at home?

When out and about talk about who/what might live and grow in different environments.

PSHE

We will be focusing on our dreams and goals. Thinking about our own achievements and successes so far and planning what future goals we could have.

How can I help at home?

Talk about things that children have already achieved so far in their lives

Geography

Our Topic for this half term is Africa.

For this topic we will be exploring the continent of Africa. During this topic we will compare daily life in Kenya to our daily life, research what animals can be found and finding out about the Maasai tribe.

How can I help at home?

Look at the internet, books or online videos to learn about different African countries.

RE

We are going to be finding out about special books. We will be learning the names of the different special books and to which religion they belong. We will also be looking at how they show respect to them and the different customs people follow when using them.

Performing Arts

Pupils study Performing Arts on a rotation of two terms of music, a half term of drama and a half term of dance. Foxes class are currently having drama with Mr Skeel, pupils are learning how to use characterisation skills (voice, body language and facial expression) to tell a story to the audience. In music lessons, Hedgehogs with Miss Green are learning to sing a variety of songs and performing them - with the added focus of following musical score. Badgers with Mr Serino are focusing on learning about pitch, note values, reading notes on the treble and rhythm though the whole class recorder playing.

Art

In Art this half term, we are learning about the artist Monet and landscapes. We will be sketching outlines, exploring colour and using different techniques to create our pictures.

How can I help at home?

Look at features of different landscapes you see. Look at examples of different artwork and discuss the techniques

Computing

This half term we will be looking at data handling, creating and interpreting different graphs and charts before moving on to exploring simple programming.

How can I help at home?

Looking at how instructions are used to complete different tasks, and how they must be completed in a specific order.

Reminders / Key Dates:

4th January - Return to school

2nd February - Number Day

6th February - Children's mental health week

10th February - Break Up for Half Term

Sharing Our Learning

We have launched new social media channels to help share the fantastic learning that is going on in our year group.

We'd love you to follow us and see what we've been up to:

[Twitter](#)

[Instagram](#)