

Year 2 curriculum newsletter

Spring 1 2024

Geography:

This half term, we shall be exploring the very hot and the very cold. We shall explore the Equator and also look at countries that are closer to the poles. We shall talk about the animals and the geographical features of this countries and how animals can adapt to their particular environment.

Science:

In science, we shall now be looking at animals and look at lifestyles and habitats. This learning will culminate in our visit to Whipsnade Zoo in February.

Maths:

We shall be starting our learning in Multiplication and Division. They will begin to calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division within the tables. They shall be able to solve problems using materials, arrays, repeated addition, mental methods and multiplication and division facts in context,

We shall also be looking at fractions and Year 2 will be learning how to recognise, find, name and write the fractions $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$.

They will also start to understand the equivalent fractions, such as, $\frac{2}{4}$ are equal to $\frac{1}{2}$.

Reading:

This half term we will continue building up a range of reading skills and explore different texts. Children should be reading with increased accuracy and fluency. We will continue to develop key reading skills such as; retrieval of information from a text, sequencing, vocabulary, making inferences and predicting what might happen in a story. **It is vital that children read at home daily and that this is recorded in their home/school books.** When listening to your child read, we encourage you to ask questions such as; what has happened so far? What do you think might happen next? Who are the characters? What do you think ____ means?

Phonics words will be sent home each week to practice the sound the children are working on.

Music

The children will be looking at traditional orchestral instruments and sorting them into the correct orchestra groups.

PSHE

This half term will include learning in RSE (Relationship and sex education). Children will be introduced to the PANTS rule and will be taught safety to themselves and on the internet.

Writing:

This half term, children will couple their learning of the hot and cold countries around the world by innovating 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. This child favourite is about a lost penguin returned to Antarctica and children really engage with this topic and the story associated with it.

We shall also be looking at writing instructions and poetry in the form of 'The Sound Collector' by Roger McGough.

The books we shall be reading in class will be 'The penguin who wanted to find out' and 'The Owl who was afraid of the dark' both by Jill Tomlinson.

DT:

This half term will be DT based and children will be looking at mechanisms specifically and thinking about wheels and axels.