

Welcome back everyone. And a very Happy New Year to you all!! I hope you have all enjoyed the festive break and are ready for a jam packed term ahead.

English

This term we be using the text 'The Way Home for Wolf' as the basis for much of our literacy work. We start by exploring wolves including both real and fictional characters. We learn to express our opinions and make predictions as well as developing our use of more descriptive vocabulary. We will be exploring the story using drama and role play and will ultimately write our own non-fiction text and story. We continue to develop our spelling and grammar skills and will continue to practise our handwriting skills on a regular basis.

Maths

We start this term with an in depth look at shape including recognising the difference between 2D and 3D shapes. We will identify and describe the properties of shapes including how many edges, vertices and faces in 3D shapes and vertical line symmetry in 2D shapes. We then move on to explore money, counting the different coins and notes, making amounts and finding change. We then explore multiplication as equal groups and arrays before starting to learn facts for the x2, x10 and x5 tables by heart.

R.E.

Mrs Joel continues to teach the class R.E. on a Tuesday afternoon. The children will be learning all about 'Jesus – a friend to everyone'.

Year 2 Spring Term 1

Who or What Lives Here?

Key Vocabulary

habitat	living
dead	predator
prey	woodland
desert	pond
food chain	depend

PSHE This half term we are learning to keep ourselves safe. We start with a discussion about how we feel when we are fit and well, moving on to discuss how to help ourselves when we are not. We then discuss safe and unsafe scenarios and learn what to do if we ever find ourselves in an unsafe or uncomfortable position. We learn the 'PANTS' rule including the importance of speaking out to a trusted adult.

Science: We will be exploring and comparing things that are living, dead and never alive. We will be exploring different habitats, noting that these are suited to the needs of different kinds of animals and plants.

We learn to identify and name plants and animals in their habitats and describe how animals obtain food including a simple food chain.

P.E. This term we will be developing our gymnastics skills - travelling, rolling, jumping and balancing on both small and large apparatus. We will also be practising our underarm throwing and catching skills and learning to apply these in a simple game.

Art We will be exploring animals from all around the world and creating artwork based upon them, including British animal sketches, African animal silhouettes and Aboriginal dot art.

Geography We will be exploring the countries, capital cities and surrounding seas and oceans of the United Kingdom through a range of maps and atlases. We will learn about each country and find out their human and physical characteristics.

Computing We will explore the wonders of eMail through the unit 'iDo Mail'. The children will develop reading, writing and digital literacy skills by reading, composing and replying to emails including attachments.

Wider Curriculum

- Brilliant Book Award!!
- Intra-sports competition
- Educational visit to Leighton Moss – a separate letter will be sent in due course

Our Value this half term

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- Forgiveness