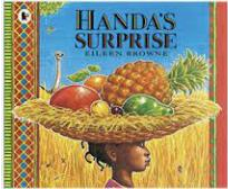


Class 2 News



Please find enclosed information about what the children are going to be studying this term in Class 2.

English

The children are going to use 'Handa's Surprise' and 'The Queen's Hat' as the inspiration for a variety of different types of writing including fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

The children will focus on using basic punctuation correctly, capital letters, full stops, exclamation and question marks. The children will use capital letters correctly for the names of people and places. They will learn about different word types (noun, adjective and adverbs) and use these in their writing. They will learn how to use apostrophes correctly and add detail to their writing using expanded noun phrases.

Daily phonics lessons will continue for most children to develop their decoding skills. The main focus will be learning alternative long vowel sounds and reading words at speed containing these sounds. Year 2 children will continue to learn how to apply different spelling patterns.

Maths

Year 1

The children will name, describe and sort a variety of 2d and 3d shapes. The children will start by working with numbers to 20, then to 50, developing their understanding of place value. They will partition numbers into tens and ones and compare numbers. They will add and subtract using different methods. They will then move on to using units of measurement to measure height, length, weight and volume. The children will use concrete apparatus and practical activities to support their learning.

Year 2

The children will name and describe in detail 2d and 3d shapes. They will identify lines of symmetry. The children will learn methods to multiply and divide. They will practise their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and record using the times and division signs. They will measure, order and compare height, weight, volume and mass using standard units. The techniques that the children are learning will be applied to real life problems throughout,

Science

The children will be learning about different forces and movement. They will describe how things move and investigate to change the speed and direction of different objects. They will ask and answer questions, developing their scientific enquiry skills. They will learn about the main parts of a plant and their function. They will explore different types of trees and how these change throughout the seasons.

Computing

The children will be learning about how to program a programmable toy to follow simple instructions. They will learn how to gather information and present it digitally using a pictogram. They will continue to learn how to keep safe online.

Geography

The children are going to be studying Africa. They will learn about what it is like to live in Africa, the housing, population, education and climate. They will study the human and physical features, comparing them to where they live and how different animals are best suited to different environments.

Design and technology

The children will develop the skills needed to create an animal puppet. They will cut out a template and use glue and a simple running stitch to join. They will plan and evaluate their designs, suggesting ways to improve.

Art

Linked to our History topic, Comparing Queens, the children will develop their skills in drawing, painting, sculpture and printing. They will explore the work of local artist Norman Cornish as inspiration for their work. They will use print techniques to create stamps.

Music

Through the themes of animals and the weather the children will explore sounds, pitch and beat. They will identify changes in a range of music and play and maintain a steady beat using instruments.

History

The children will be comparing Queens throughout history. They will learn what life was like during the reigns of Q, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth 11. They will compare their reigns and learn what each Queen will be remembered for.

PE

Through our gymnastics lessons the children will be developing their gymnastics skills. They will practise moving in different ways and directions. They will develop their skills in balancing and different types of rolls. They will practise their throwing and catching skills and the tactics needed to play a simple game. The children will talk about how our bodies feel and how to improve.

Our PE days are Wednesday and Friday. PE kits should be kept in school.

Reading at home

Reading. Please listen to your child read on a regular basis to improve fluency and comprehension. Books should be brought into school daily. Children reading decodable phonics books will change their books weekly. Children reading books on the Accelerated Reader scheme will quiz books read and change them.