



Year 2 Parent Newsletter
Summer Term 1 - 2024-2025
Looking after our Earth

English:

Pupils this half term will learn more about looking after our Earth based on an integrated English unit of work. This will include: Narrative - The Tin Forest by author Helen Ward, Explanation texts based on 'How to look after plants' and Poetry with the poem - dreamer by poet Brian Moses.

Maths:

Across the term, pupils will focus on: Length and Height (taught by Mrs Cassidy) and Fractions (taught by Mrs Nicklin).

Geography: taught by Mrs Nicklin

Continents and Oceans

Children will

- Just to note, the children did work on continents and oceans last year in Year 1 so this unit will be adapted to build on their current knowledge of continents and oceans and develop this further and so may be different objectives from the Geography LTP on the school website.

Music: taught by Mrs Nicklin and Mrs Garrett

Myths and Legends: this unit will help the children develop an understanding of structure by exploring and ordering rhythms. The children will read, clap and write rhythms and compose with structure before finally rehearsing and performing.

Science: taught by Mrs Nicklin

Plants

Pupils in this unit of work will describe how plants that have grown from seeds and bulbs have developed over time. They will identify plants that grew well in different conditions. They will have opportunity through scientific enquiry to spot similarities and differences between bulbs and seeds. Finally they will nurture seeds and bulbs in our own school grounds into mature plants identifying the different requirements of different plants.

PE: taught by Mrs Nicklin

In their PE lessons pupils will undertake the unit - Net and Wall skills. They will learn how to show catch a ball from a ready position, how to side gallop, how to hold a bat and how to strike a ball with some accuracy. Finally they will apply tactics to a simple game.

PSHE: taught by Mrs Cassidy

The children will be exploring the topics:

Living in Our World

Living in Our World explores how humans can help take care of living things both inside and outside of the home.

Working in Our World:

Working in Our World looks at why humans need money and the ways in which money can be used and received.

RE: taught by Mrs Garrett

To the ends of the Earth: we will be learning from the Bible about the events after the first Easter; the resurrection, Jesus appearing to his Apostles, Pentecost and the conversion of Saul.

Computing: taught by Mrs Garrett

Programming: an introduction to block coding

To know that coding is writing in a special language so that the computer understands what to do. To understand that the character in Scratch Jr is controlled by the programming blocks. To know that you can write a program to create a musical instrument or tell a joke.

Art: taught by Mrs Cassidy

This half term, the children are exploring clay and sculpture. They will have opportunity to play and experiment with clay, moving onto learning the skills used to join clay together and practise the 'score and slip' method of joining clay. The children will make a thumb pot and also design and make their own clay tile.

Book Club: taught by Mrs Cassidy

This half term, we will find out the winner of the Brilliant Book Awards and we will be celebrating the successful author! We will also be reading books and learning about the author Linda Sarah.