

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter - Summer 1 - 2023

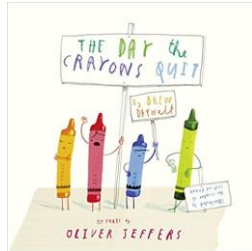
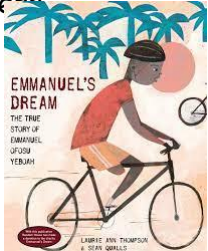
Building an Inclusive World

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you enjoyed the Easter break! Our topic for Summer 1 is 'Building an Inclusive World'. Alongside our English, Mathematics and Science, this topic will incorporate many of the subject areas through a variety of creative tasks and activities. We will explore ...

As readers and writers...

English lessons will be taught through the "Write Stuff" approach and will see children learning key grammar skills as part of their journey to becoming skilled writers. Lessons will be taught through quality texts and the children will explore these in a variety of ways. For this half term, children will focus their learning on 'Emmanuel's Dream' by Laurie Ann Thompson and then move on to a fantastic text called 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Oliver Jeffers.



Reading sessions will take place daily and will include both phonics and comprehension. The children will also enjoy a rich 'read aloud' selection of books throughout the year to ensure they are continually exposed to quality texts.



As mathematicians we will be learning to...

Fractions

- Make equal parts
- Recognise and find half
- Recognise and find a quarter
- Recognise and find a third
- Unit and non-unit fractions
- Equivalence of half and two quarters
- Find three quarters
- Count in fractions

Measurement: Time

- Telling time to the hour
- Telling time to the half hour
- O'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to
- Telling time to 5 minutes
- Hours and days
- Comparing durations of time

We will also be reviewing previously learnt skills such as multiplication and division, place value, tally charts and data.



As scientists, we will be investigating...

Plants! We will explore a range of different topics within the subject of plants, including:

- How plants grow from seeds
- How plants grow from bulbs
- Understand seed dispersal and why it happens
- Understand how a seed germinates
- Understand what conditions a plant needs to grow



As good citizens...

In PSHE this half term we will be focusing on RSE. This will see us learning about the people who are in our lives and care for us, the differences and similarities between people and the differences and similarities between girls and boys.

As historians...

We will be learning about important historical events, focusing on the Olympics!

As theologians...

We will look in depth at Judaism. For this half term we will be focusing on worship around the world, looking at synagogues in the UK and worldwide.

Our Inclusive World



As sports people...

We will be working on our fitness skills and improving our cardiovascular, upper and lower body strength. We will also be focusing on throwing and running and jumping.

As musicians...

We will continue with our Musical Bumps sessions, developing our knowledge to read musical notation, rhythm, pitch and beat.

As linguists...

We will go on a tour of Beijing, Hainan and Harbin, learning about important cultural aspects, including foods and sport.

As aspiring artists...

We will be looking at sculpture! Taking inspiration from artist Joan Miro, children will create a variety of artworks and sculptures with a focus on shape. They will also have a go at making their own sculpture of the Olympic torch!

In Geography...

We will learn more about locating continents and countries around the world as well as using North, South, East and West to describe locations.

In Computing...

We will be continuing our learning about loops in algorithms and learning about privacy and security in e-safety.

Homework

Children will have one written and one oral homework set on Friday each week, which will be due in the following Wednesday.

Reading - All children will take home a banded reading book that is appropriate for their level. These can be changed as often as needed provided they have been read and understood.

Spelling - All children will be sent home spellings each week (based on spelling rules or high frequency words) and they will be tested on a weekly basis after they have been sent home to learn. There will be assignments with these spellings set on Spelling Shed too.

Times tables - Children will also be encouraged to focus on their times tables throughout the year (in Year 2, we focus on our 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables).

Year 2 team

Chaffinch - Miss Crone

Goldfinch - Miss Sales

Year 2 TAs - Mrs Turner,
Mrs Brooks (Butterfly)

Notices and reminders

- PE is on **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays** for **Goldfinch** and **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** for **Chaffinch**. Please ensure that your child is sent in to school with the correct kit on those days.
- Please continue to read for pleasure every day with your child and record it in their reading records. We will be checking them daily.