

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter - Summer 1 - 2024

Our Inclusive World

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you enjoyed the Easter break! Our topic for Summer 1 is 'Our 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 complete 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 Drew Daywalt.



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...

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: Length and Height

- Compare lengths and heights
- Measure lengths (cm and m)
- Compare lengths
- Order lengths
- Four operations with lengths

Geometry: Position and Direction

- Describe position
- Describe movement
- Describe turns
- Making patterns with shapes



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 focussing 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...

RE in Y2 will look in depth at Judaism. For this half term we will be focussing on worship around the world, looking at synagogues in the UK and worldwide.

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As sports people...

We will be working on our fitness skills and improving our cardiovascular, upper, and lower body strength. We will also be focussing 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 sculpting their own Olympic medals from clay!

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 Williams

Goldfinch - Miss Sales and Miss Bailey

Year 2 TAs - Miss Sarah, Mrs Sangeeta and 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 into 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.