



Year 2 Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2018

Welcome to Year 2!

I hope you have had a wonderful holiday and are looking forward to the exciting year ahead. The following information will provide you with an insight into what we will be learning in Year 2.

Should you have any problems, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks,

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Home Learning

Please support your child's learning at home by practising their spelling challenges with them and reading regularly. Spellings will be tested every Friday I am also keen to hear about the books children are having read to them at home so please feel free to record these in their reading record too!

To support their Maths learning, please practise telling the time with your child and support them to learn number bond facts for the club they are working on. Children will also start completing their multiplication clubs, starting with the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables and the associated division facts.

Home Learning Project

More detailed information will be sent out about this in the next couple of weeks. The project will be based on the rainforest and children will have an extended period of time with their family to compete it.

English

In English this term we will be covering a range of both fiction and non-fiction texts as well as some poetry.

We will begin the term by learning how to write a journey story. We will look at existing journey stories and identify the key structure of them and what makes them successful. We will then learn to recite one using actions and pictures to help us remember it. Once we have learnt it we will then use it to help us start writing our own journey story. We will be concentrating on writing sentences which are clear and interesting to our readers. As always we will be concentrating on spellings, handwriting, punctuation and using excellent vocabulary.

Later in the term we will also be writing stories linked to our Rainforest Topic and will be writing a set of instructions about how to care for a made up Rainforest animal.

Each day we will share a story from our reading spine and read a poem during the week. The children are already enjoying The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me!

Maths

In Maths this term we begin by focusing on the place value of numbers to 100, recognising the value of each digit, reading and writing them and comparing and ordering numbers using the $<$ $>$ and $=$ symbols.

We will also be focusing on the four operations. Children will be learning about the commutative rule for addition and will learn to recognise and use the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction to check calculations. Children will also be learning to recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20 and use related facts to 100. As well as this, children will be taught to calculate statements for multiplication and division within the 2 and 5 times table. They will learn that multiplication can be done in any order but division cannot.

Children will also be taught to recognise and use symbols for pounds and pence.

PSHE

Our focus in PSHE and all other lessons will be building a Growth Mindset culture. We will be learning about the characteristics of a Growth Mindset and how to develop this kind of mindset. We will also be finding out about the brain, the different areas and what their job is. Children will be discovering what they can do to grow, stretch and train their brain! Furthermore, we will also be looking at the characteristics of effective learning and will be developing children's understanding of concentration, curiosity, working co-operatively and never giving up to help them learn how to be successful learners.

Science

Our Science topic is 'Living things and their habitats' and will link to our Rainforest topic. Children will be taught to:

- explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive.
- identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other.
- identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats
- describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food.

Topic

During the term our theme will be 'Amazonian Adventures!' We shall be finding out about the Rainforests, animal and plant life, materials that come from the Amazon as well as comparing life in South America with our own lives.

Children will be provided with the opportunity to plan what they are going to learn, by asking questions that they want to find out the answer to.

Art and Design Technology

All of our artwork this term will link to the Rainforest topic. Children will be developing their drawing skills and will study the work of Henry Rousseau. They will also be creating their own rainforest prints. Whilst in Design and Technology they will be sewing their own cuddly sloth!

P.E.

Children will have P.E. on a Tuesday and Thursday. In P.E. children will be developing their throwing and catching skills and applying it to game situations. They will also be learning a rainforest dance.

Music

In music this term we will be listening to and learning songs about the Rainforest and will use these to help us compose our own piece of Rainforest music, through which we will explore pulse and rhythm.

Computing

In computing this term children will be learning about algorithms. They will learn to create algorithms which make a Rainforest animal move across a computer screen.

R.E.

In R.E. this term children will be learning about:

- Stories from the Bible.
- Places of worship for Christians, Sikhs and Muslims.
- Faith groups and their role in community.

Phonics/SPaG

Children will begin Year 2 by quickly revising phonics work completed in Year 1. They will then have SPaG lessons, where they will be taught the Year 2 requirements for spelling, punctuation and grammar.