

TOPIC / THEME:

'Let's Explore the World' is a project which teaches the essential skills and knowledge needed for atlases, maps and cardinal compass points. They learn about the characteristics of the four countries of the United Kingdom and find out why there are hot, temperate and cold places around the world. They will also compare England to Somalia and carry out fieldwork, collecting primary data in their locality to answer geographical questions.

READING

Reading is an invaluable part of your child's education and is key to learning in all subjects across the curriculum. We aim to develop our children into confident and fluent readers, and to broaden their vocabulary, by exposing them to a rich diet of high-quality texts from a range of different genres.

Reading in Year 2 is taught daily to focus on deepening their reading decoding and understanding. It is taught through a systematic approach to phonics using the Read Write Inc. scheme where the children will participate in daily lessons during which their phonic knowledge is developed and applied enabling children to read with fluency and expression. Books are carefully matched to the reading ability of the children to allow them to build their fluency as well as their understanding of the texts they have read.

Children are encouraged to read at home as often as possible, through their own choice of authors and genres from our extensive library, which increases their vocabulary and spelling skills to add to the valuable work that we carry out in class, and using any books they love to read with family and friends.

WRITING

Our first narrative is based on the Paperbag Princess; we are writing a fiction piece in four parts where we will look at character analysis, use of synonyms when uplevelling verbs, and ensure we are applying adjectives with accuracy and flair.

Our non-fiction piece will require the children to write a recount from a character's point of view, using the story 'The Day the Crayons quit' as a stimulus. We will then transform this into a letter to a different characters, showing an ability to write from different points of views and in different formats.

MATHS

An array of Maths chapters will be covered over the term, taught through our Maths No Problem scheme that promotes a spiral curriculum style of learning; mastering a skill and then constantly revisiting throughout your school career at different levels to build up key knowledge. This term we will look at

- Money – How to identify and add coin values and how to work out change.
- 2D shapes – Identifying sides and vertices and exploring lines of symmetry.
- 3D shapes – Identifying sides, vertices and edges and learning new 3D shape vocabulary
- Fluency through arithmetic to consolidate skills

P.S.H.E.

Our topic this half term is 'Living in the Wider World'.

Children will learn:

- the ways in which people can access the internet e.g. phones, tablets, computers
- to recognise the purpose and value of the internet in everyday life



- to recognise that some content on the internet is factual and some is for entertainment e.g. news, games, videos
- that information online might not always be true

COMPUTING

Year 2 are looking at spreadsheets this half term, learning about cells, columns, rows and data to create pictorial data sets and develop their knowledge of 2Calculate to represent values.

ART AND DESIGN

This project teaches children about portraiture. They will analyse the portraits of Tudor monarchs and compare Tudor portraits and selfies today. Finally, they'll use photo editing software to create royal portraits.

SCIENCE

Our Science topic is Plants. The children will be looking at how bulbs store enough food to enable them to grow and flower with no additional nutrients during the first year. They'll investigate how bulbs and plants grow and document this over the growing season.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our focus religion is Buddhism, and in particular, the teachings and beliefs surrounding Losar. The children will look at the Tibetan New Year, Losar, and relate it to the culture and celebrations they have experienced in their own country. They will make resolutions and learn that Losar is also a family time when people clean their houses, wear new clothes, come together to eat, share in the traditions of the festival and spend time together.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Year 2 are studying gymnastics this half term, working on body shapes, ways of travelling and using a springboard to land safely.

MUSIC

Our song focus this half term is called 'Zootime', a reggae song written especially for children. In this song you learn about singing and playing together in an ensemble. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise classic reggae songs.

