

Welcome to Year 2  
Mrs Dalton and Miss Edgar

English

In English this half term we are focusing on the book *The Highway Rat*. The children will be immersed into the book and we will look at key vocabulary used, the audience of the book and how characters are portrayed throughout the story.

The children will be doing lots of short writing tasks based on the book so they can develop their writing skills further. They will build upon their poetry knowledge so that they can write a free verse poem. The children will look at the characters in the book and think about how they feel and what they are thinking. They will use drama techniques to play the role of the characters.

Following this the children will produce a poster based on the highway rat, before continuing to do more work on the book and writing their own story.

We will be continuing to have a big focus on ensuring that the children use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces correctly. We will also continue to work on using conjunctions, verbs, nouns and adjectives within their work. Spellings are very important and the children will continue to do daily spellings in class focusing on consolidating phonemes from phonics and then working on Year Two common exception words and spelling patterns.

Reading is very important as it helps children understand texts, gain new vocabulary and use ideas in their writing. The children will do daily guided reading to help them answer questions about texts, extend vocabulary and discuss events/characters and plots within texts. By reading extra at home it enables your child to broaden their vocabulary and become fluent with their reading, whilst also understanding what they are reading.

Maths

Maths this half term starts off with a focus on number. We will be looking at finding ten more and ten less, ordering and comparing numbers and identifying numbers on number lines. Following this we will have a focus on measurement. We will be looking at the types of measurements we use and what they are used for. Over the remainder of the half term, we will look at addition, subtraction, division and multiplication with numbers to 100. Each day the children will continue to have some Mental Maths problems to solve independently to embed their learning. Times tables are a big focus and we will be looking at the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, trying to learn them by heart and recall them rapidly.

Further curriculum subjects

In our Science work this half term we will be learning about humans and animals. The children will look at the basic needs for humans and animals and their life cycles. They will also look at foods we eat and how to stay healthy. They will have a focus on hygiene, especially hand washing and brushing teeth.

RE will be focused on the religion 'Hinduism' and they will look at the devotion they have for their God. They will learn about the way they worship, and the symbols linked to Hinduism. They will also learn about the different Hindu Gods and how they are portrayed.

PSHE is about living in the wider world. The children will learn about how they belong to different groups - class, school, faith etc. they will then learn about how to stay safe on the internet and how the internet can be valuable.

Computing will be based on manipulating sounds. The children will learn about how computers are used to create, develop and enhance sounds.

Class reminders

PE this half term is taught on Monday and Thursday. Homework will be given out each week on a Friday along with spellings that the children will be tested on each Monday.