

Welcome to Year 2

English

This half term we are starting off by focusing on stories by the same author – Simon Bartram. We will be looking at the book 'Dougal's Deep-Sea Diary' first and then moving onto 'Bob's best ever friend'. We will be reading the book, predicting what the book is about, discussing the characters and events and doing some in depth work about the stories. The children will be pretending that they are under the sea and using their senses to describe what they can see, hear, smell and touch. The children will again have lots of opportunities to read texts and investigate vocabulary. They will do short writing tasks such as inferring characters feelings, letters, descriptions and diaries. The children will work on the text and build up to planning and writing a story of their choice. The children will be continuing to work on their presentation, and we will be focusing even more on ensuring that the children use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces correctly.

Following this we will be looking at Classic poetry. The children will look at the poem 'Owl and the Pussy cat'. They will look at how the poem is set out and discuss the story behind the poem. They will then use that as a basis to create their own poem.

Reading still stays at the forefront of our learning and the children will be given lots of chances to read in class. The children will continue to 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. Each day the children focus on spellings. They are very important, and we will be doing daily spellings in class focusing on consolidating phonemes from phonics and working on Year Two common exception words and spelling patterns.

Maths

Maths this half term starts off with a focus on multiplication and division. The children will look at links between the two and learn to recall multiplication facts rapidly. They will have reasoning type questions with these in and will learn methods to solve them efficiently. The children will then revisit measures and look at measuring the length and height of a variety of objects. They will compare and order lengths and solve problems around measures. Shape will then be our focus and the children will look at 2d and 3d shape properties to enable them to recognise shapes easily.

Each morning the children will continue to have some Maths problems to solve independently to embed their learning. Times tables are a big focus and we will be looking at the 2, 5, 10 and 3-times tables, trying to learn them by heart and recall them rapidly. The children will do a weekly speed test on times tables to help with rapid recall along with other games/activities linked to times tables.

Further curriculum subjects

In our Science work this half term we will be learning about plants. The children will look at the basic needs for plants, the parts of a plants and what functions each part has. They will have the opportunity to plant some seeds and observe the growth of the plant.

RE will be focused on the religion 'Islam' and they will look at the routines and rituals they have in their religion. They will learn about the way they worship, and the importance of their God.

In PSHE they will learn about the wider world in relation to money, internet safety and responsibilities.

Computing will be based on programming this half term. They will learn about how robots work and how to input instructions into robots and computer programs to make them work.

DT will be focused on the theme of food. We will look at how to create healthy snacks and learn all about the different food groups.

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.