

Life in All its Fullness - Come and See



Year 2

Spring 2024 Newsletter



Welcome to 2024 and the Spring Term in Year 2. Firstly, all Year 2 staff would like to say a huge and heartfelt thank you for our wonderful Christmas gifts. We had a fabulous Autumn term with the children working really hard on their behaviour for learning skills and cannot wait for all the new learning experiences that we will have over the next few weeks.

Maths

This term we will be teaching strategies for adding and subtracting numbers mentally, statistics and multiplication and division. As appropriate, the children will move from using concrete materials onto pictorial methods to support their understanding. Once multiplication and division strategies have been embedded, there will be an emphasis on mental recall of times tables and division facts. 'Times Tables Rock Star' logins will be given out later this term to support learning at home. Later in the term, the class will move onto finding fractions of shapes, objects and amounts. The children will be working on halves, quarters, thirds and equivalent fractions. This will naturally lead onto the teaching of time, where fractions are used to denote how the minute and hour hands moves around the clock.



English

Our English this term will continue teaching many of the grammatical concepts required in Year 2, enriching children's vocabulary and their understanding of the impact language has on readers and audience; as well as teaching them to write with confidence for real purposes and audiences. Our focus text for the first half term will be **The Secret of Black Rock** followed by **The Story Tree** in spring term 2. Weekly spelling and handwriting lessons will continue to take place in addition to the above.

Science

Our Science unit in the first half term, is 'Animals Including Humans'. In this unit, we will look at how different animal groups have their young and how they grow and develop. We will also be looking at the basic needs for survival along with healthy living in terms of eating and exercise. In the second half term, we continue our focus of natural world with a study of 'Living things and their Habitats'. This will look at how animals are adapted for the place they live and what might happen if they unexpectedly changed habitats.



Geography and History

In the first half term, we will have a Geography focus. We will investigate hot and cold places in the world alongside learning about the equator. The children will link their learning to their previous understanding of the continents but with a deeper understanding of where specific countries are in the world and what their climate is like.

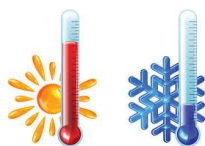
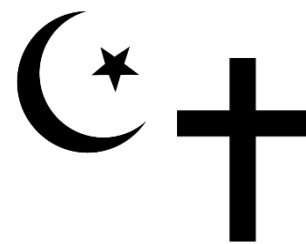
Our History focus, will be on 'Transport throughout Time'. We will look primarily at the development of the car and how its features have evolved over time to become the cars we know today. This will link with our DT (see below).



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RE

This term, the children will explore the concept of 'Believing' through the Islamic faith. The children will learn how Muslims lead their lives focusing on their principles and how compassion and mercy are a huge part of their belief system. In the run up to Easter, the children will review the Easter story and also look at what symbols and artefacts are important to Christians at this time of year.



Art and DT

In the first half of the term, we will focus on sculpture in art. This will link with their Geography learning and will have a 'hot and cold' focus. We will look at the work of Olafur Eliasson and Paul Gauguin and use their art to inspire their own creations. Our DT will link with our history unit and the children will investigate how wheels and axles work before making their own vehicle.

PE

This term, the children will have PE on a **Monday** and a **Tuesday**. Please could the children come to school wearing their PE kit on these days. PE may be indoors or outdoors, so please ensure your child has a named jumper/hoody and jogging bottoms/leggings if it is cold (school colours only please - blue, grey, black). This term, the units focus on Gymnastics (pathways), Movement Skills (agility, balance co-ordination), Games for Understanding and Rackets & Bats.



Computing

The computing units this term are 'Making Music' exploring harmony and building up musical scores. 'Questioning' how the children can use binary trees to help them find the answer to questions. 'Graphing' exploring setting up graphs with a number of fields, entering data and answering questions.

Music

This term, the children will be taught a variety of musical skills, including listening and appraisal. We start with Grandma's rap, exploring beat and rhythm work using crotchets and quavers. We will then move onto Trains exploring how composers use volume, speed and rhythm in their music.



RHE (Relationship and Health Education)

The children will continue to learn alongside our class 'Jiggy' called Jo. This term the children will be considering their dreams and goals and how to achieve them. They will also be thinking about how to stay healthy in body and mind.

Further information

Please continue to **read daily** with your child at home. Books can be changed as needed but we do encourage repeat reading of texts, as this has shown to build excellent fluency in children. Please do record your child's reading on Boom Reader when you have read with them, noting page numbers where possible.

Home learning will continue to be set through Microsoft Teams. Tasks may vary but will usually include a Maths and Spelling focus. Please note homework will be handed out on a **Friday** this term, for return the following Wednesday.

Healthy snacks will be provided for the children's break time daily. Please ensure your child has a **named water bottle** in school each day. Please could **all uniform and bags be clearly named** to help us re-unite lost items.

We are looking forward to another brilliant term and would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your continued support in everything we do.

Mrs Handley, Mrs Richards and Miss Walton