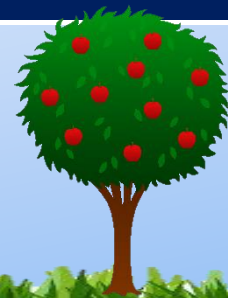


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Year 2

Summer 2022 Newsletter

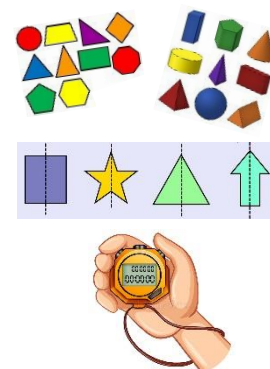


Welcome to the Summer Term - time has just flown this year! We are really excited for this term and all that it brings. We are looking forward to lots of outdoor learning and taking advantage of our beautiful grounds. Mrs Richards will continue teaching all day on Thursdays with Mrs Daniell and Miss Walton ably supporting the class throughout the week. There is a lot going on this term so please keep an eye on the newsletter for important dates. Thank you again for all your ongoing support - please know that it is hugely appreciated.

Mrs Cole, Mrs Richards, Miss Walton and Mrs Daniell

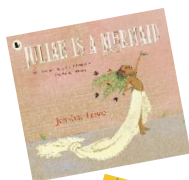
Maths

Our maths this term will start with the exploration and manipulation of **2D and 3D shapes**. We will be studying their properties, what links them and what makes them different. The children will learn to identify whether a shape is regular or irregular and how to identify shapes in our environment. We will also be looking at **symmetry**, recognising it and creating it. We will also continue to look at **time** and supporting the children to understand seconds, minutes and hours. Problem solving and reasoning questions throughout the rest of the term, will be used to consolidate the children's understanding of the maths learned throughout the year, including number, calculation and fractions.



English

We will begin our English this term with the book, 'Julian is a Mermaid'. Through this beautiful and imaginative text, we will develop the children's descriptive language, use the 'un' prefix to explore emotion and focus on the skills linked with diary writing. We will then move onto our 'Creation Myths' unit, using Tinga Tales to link with our learning about Africa (see Geography). The children will look at story structure and how to apply the grammatical skills learned this year to create interest and add detail. Our non-fiction units will include explanation writing through the book 'Monsters - An Owner's Guide'. In addition to the above, handwriting and spelling will continue to be taught weekly.



Science

Our Science unit in the first half term, will build on the learning in the Spring term of 'Animals, including Humans' before moving on 'Plants' in the second half term. We will investigate the structure of plants and how they grow. We will also spend time looking at different types of plants, comparing them and seeing what makes them the same and what makes them different.



Geography

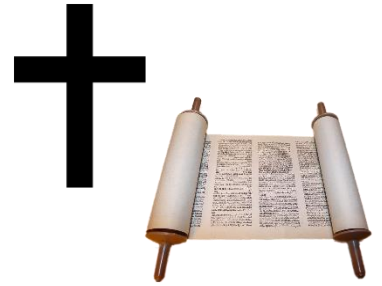
This term, the children will compare and contrast their own lives with those living in a non-European country. This will be encompassed in a study of the village, Mugurameno in Zambia. The children will use their mapping skills to explore the human and physical geography of this area and discussing what it is like when compared with where they live. We will then move onto looking at the lives of the children there. What are their schools like and how do they learn? How are their homes and houses built and what materials are used? How does living close to a river help and support their way of life? What food is important to them and what do they enjoy eating?



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RE

In the first half term, the children will explore the concept of 'Leaders and Teachers'. What makes a good leader? Why do Christians chose to follow Jesus as their leader and follow his teachings? In the second half term, the children will focus their studies on the Jewish holy book, the Torah. We will explore what it is and what part it plays in bringing joy and clarity to the lives of Jewish people?



Art and DT

Art and DT will link strongly with our Geography this term. The children will explore African patterns and study regular repeating patterns using geometric and real life objects. They will look at how the patterns can be created using different materials and what colours are often used. The children will also create African food and mud bricks used in structures.

PE

This term, the children will have PE on a **Tuesday** and a **Thursday** - please note these are different days to previous terms. Please could the children come into school in their PE kits on these days. This term, the children will be doing Athletics (in preparation for Sports Day), making pathways in Gymnastics, practising their ball skills and using water as an inspiration in a Dance unit.



Computing

The computing unit in the first half term is 'Making Music' where the children will learn to compose their own digital music. After half term the unit is 'Presenting Ideas' where presenting stories and information will be the focus.

Music

Continuing with our Geography topic music this first half term will centre around the African song, 'Hands, Feet, Heart'. We are delighted that the children will also be taking part in the Year 2 Music Festival at the South Mill Arts Centre with a theme of 'The Sea' in June (see further info below).



RHE (Relationship and Health Education)

The first unit this term is 'Relationships'. What kinds of relationships are there and what makes a healthy and positive one? The second is 'Changing Me' where the children will learn about how bodies change and grow as we become older. Correct terminology for body parts will also be taught.

Further information

National End of Key Stage 1 Assessments - These will take place in the **weeks commencing the 9th May and the 16th May**. Please could we ask that you make every effort for your child to be in school in the run up to these assessments and especially during these assessment weeks. The children will be well supported throughout this period and we know from experience that children will rise to the challenge and often find the assessments enjoyable. You can support your child at home by reading with them regularly and questioning their understanding of the characters and the plot along with the structure of information texts. Completing the maths home learning each week, will also give your child more confidence in answering a range of problems.

Y2 Music Festival - We are delighted to be, again, taking part in the Bishop's Stortford Y2 Music Festival, where Y2 classes from the local schools join together over three days to perform a selection of songs. The date and time for our performance is **Wednesday 22nd June at 1.50pm to 2.45pm**. As soon as we have the information on how to purchase tickets, we will be in touch. We will also be looking for parent helpers to transport the children to the South Mill Arts Centre for the rehearsal earlier in the day. A letter will go out with further information shortly.