

Life in All its Fullness - Come and See



Year 2

Spring 2023 Newsletter



Welcome to 2023 and the Spring Term in Year 2. We had a fabulous Autumn term and cannot wait for all the new learning experiences that we will have over the next few weeks. Mrs Richards will continue to teach Year 2 on Thursday afternoon and Friday. Miss Walton will also continue support the class as our wonderful Teaching Assistant throughout the week.

Maths

Our maths this term starts with the teaching of statistics. We will then move onto 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. After half 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 focus on teaching many of the grammatical concepts required in Year 2, but through fun and engaging texts and activities. The children will be securing their grasp of using conjunctions through the writing of 'Riddles'. The creation of magic potion recipes will support the children with possessive apostrophes and we will use poetry to engage the children in the use of contractions. Alongside this teaching, we will also help the children to build their creativity through stories such as 'The Magic Paintbrush'. 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

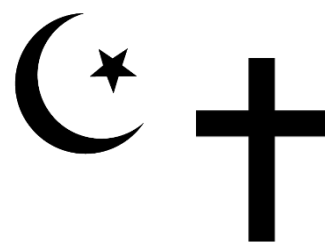
In the first half term, we will have a Geography focus. We will investigate hot and cold places in the world alongside learning about the equator. The children will link their learning to their previous understanding of the continents but with a deeper understanding of where specific countries are in 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 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 **Thursday**. 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. This term, the units focus on Gymnastics (pathways), Dance (water) and Ball Skills (hands), along with an understanding of fitness and health.



Computing

The computing units this term are 'Questioning'; how the children can use binary trees to help them find the answer to questions, and 'Creating Pictures'; how this can be done with the use of technology.

Music

This term, the children will be taught a variety of musical skills, including listening and appraisal, how to clap rhythms and use basic percussion instruments. This term, this will be done through a collection of Rock and Reggae songs with a musical and zoo theme.



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 write in your child's reading record when you have read with them, noting pages 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.

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 a brilliant term and would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your continued support in everything we do.

Mrs Cole, Mrs Richards and Miss Walton