



Year 2: Summer Term 1

Welcome to the Summer Term. We hope that you all had a restful Spring break and that the children are ready for lots of exciting learning experiences this half term.

English

In English this half term the children will be learning about *Fantasy stories*. They will be learning to orally retell the model text of *Where the Wild Things Are*, using a story map and actions. The children will be thinking about the structure and language features of stories, with a particular focus on character description and fantasy settings. We will continue to work on their use of adjectives and adverbs to add description to their sentences. We will also be using subordinating conjunctions to add extra details. The children will then be planning, writing and editing their own fantasy stories.

Maths

In Maths, we will be learning about:

Shape – The children will be exploring, sorting and describing 2D shapes as well as recognising 2D shapes on 3D shapes and lines of symmetry within 2D shapes. They will be then developing their language skills using subject specific vocabulary to describe position, direction and rotation to follow a route.

Measures - The children will be exploring measures in the context of capacity and volume and then mass. They will be measuring, ordering and comparing the capacity/volume or mass of objects using the standard units of millilitres/litres (capacity) and grams/kilograms (mass).

Addition/subtraction/multiplication/division – We will also be revisiting effective strategies to use when solving operation problems.

Science

Our Science topic for the summer term is Living things and their habitats. The children will be learning about their key scientist, Prem Singh. They will be also exploring between things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive. In addition, they will also be identifying that living things live in habitats that they are most suited to in order to ensure their basic needs are met.

History

Our History topic this term is *World War Two and the Windrush*. This half term the children will find out about the British Empire. They will then begin to learn about what happened during World War Two and the impact of war on British life.

PSHE

In PSHE, our topic is *Myself and My Relationships – Managing Change*. The children will learn to recognise that change is a normal part of life. We will discuss the emotions that might be felt in

situations involving the loss of special possessions or changing circumstances and develop strategies for coping with difficult emotions.

Computing

The children will familiarise themselves with emails. In this unit, the children are challenged to solve a mystery by reading, sending and replying to emails, and by listening to a witness statement. They use a fact file sheet to create a table and identify the culprit.

Religious Education

Our Religious Education theme this half term is *Community and Belonging*, with a focus on Islam. The key question that the children will be considering throughout the topic is: *Does going to a mosque give Muslims a sense of belonging?*

PE

This half term, the children will be further developing their Athletic skills. In this unit children will develop skills required in athletic activities such as running at different speeds, jumping and throwing. In all athletic based activities, children will engage in performing skills and measuring performance, competing to improve on their own score and against others. They are given opportunities to work collaboratively as well as independently. They learn how to improve by identifying areas of strength as well as areas to develop. Our PE days are Monday (Moore) and Tuesday (Hepworth). Please ensure the children have their PE kit on these days. Swimming takes place on Thursdays (Hepworth) and Fridays (Moore). Children who are not swimming this half term, will take part in a fitness focused P.E lesson during this time.

Music

In music this half term, the children will be learning about pitch using Boom whackers.

Homework

In Year 2 we are focusing on spelling and quick recall of number facts (doubling, halving, number bonds to and from 10, multiplication and division facts). The children all have a login for *Times Tables Rockstars* to support them in practising their times tables. Spelling challenge takes place on a Friday. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings daily. Guided reading books are changed every Friday. Please ensure your child brings their books back to school each week.

Please support your child by discussing the homework tasks with them and if you are unsure please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

If you have any questions or queries, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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