



Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter – Term 2B.

English:

Reading: We will be having 4 reading sessions each week where we will focus on reading the text and answering questions based on the following content domains: vocabulary, retrieval, summarise, inference, prediction, sequencing, word meaning and comparison.

Writing: In English this term, we will be studying the text, 'Grandad's Island'. From this vehicle text we will be following the cycle of immerse - analyse - plan - write and edit. We will be writing a return narrative for our fiction writing and an information booklet as our non-fiction focus.

Spelling: As part of our spelling lesson this term, we will be focussing on the following rules: 'r' sound spelled 'wr', adding the suffixes 'er' and 'est' and homophones.

Mathematics:

In Maths this term we will be focussing on the following topics: number (fractions) and Data Handling (statistics). Our fractions topic will focus on finding halves, quarters and halves. Our statistics topic will focus on making tally charts and interpreting pictograms.

Science:

Our Science topic this half term is Living Things and their Habitats. As part of this topic, children will be taught to:

- explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive
- identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other
- identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats
- describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food

Religious Education:

Our Religious Education topic this half term is Easter. Pupils will learn that symbols are pictures that have a story to tell. Pupils will also extend their knowledge and understanding of the Easter story as well as the importance of Easter and the concept of Salvation.

Geography:

Our Geography topic this half term is 'What are the key human and physical features of the UK?' Pupils' knowledge and understanding will focus on:

- The names, location and characteristics of the four countries, their capitals and surrounding seas (including the River Mersey).
- The human and physical features of the UK, including similarities and differences.
- Compass directions and locational and directional language.
- How to use aerial photographs to recognise landmarks.

Physical Education:

In PE this half term we will be doing the Dance unit Toys. This encourages children to think about the speed, weight and size of their movements in the context of toys from the past and present. The children pretend to be and play with imaginary toys. They work in different formations, synchronizing their movements with their partner's and within larger groups. They move to different rhythms, speed up and slow down and use their own bodies to produce rhythms.

Our PE day this half term will be a Friday

Music:

In Music this half term we will be learning Zootime - a Reggae song for children by Joanna Mangona. We will also be learning how to play the glockenspiels to accompany this song and be working towards a class performance of this song by the end of half term.

Art

This half term our topic is 'Painting and mixed media: Life in colour'. Pupils will learn how to mix primary and secondary colours, colour mixing and creating textures using different tools. Pupils will learn collage techniques, experiment with materials and

Computing

Our computing topic this half term is Computer Science: programming using Scratch Junior as well as our weekly E-Safety messages. We will begin to program using simple block code, programme a robot or software to do a particular task and understand what an algorithm is and demonstrate simple linear algorithms.

PSHE - JIGSAW

Our JIGSAW topic this half term is Healthy Me. Our six JIGSAW pieces this half term are:

- Being Healthy
- Being Relaxed
- Medicine Safety
- Healthy Eating 1
- Healthy Eating 2
- Happy, Healthy, Me

Dates for your diary:

This half term, we will be acknowledging the following 'theme'/national days:

- 1st March - Safer Internet Day
- 7th March - World Book Day
- 15th March - Comic Relief
- 18th March - Neurodiversity Day
- 19th March - SMA Science Day
- 26th March - Easter Bonnet Parade

Church visits: