



Curriculum News

Spring 2 - Year 2

English:

Our topic this half term is 'Into the Wild!' and we will be using this as inspiration for writing poetry and adventure stories. During Reading Week we will be focusing on the book 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak and developing our poetry skills to write couplets. Throughout March we will be participating in 'World Creative Writing Month' to encourage creative writing both at home and in school. We will develop our ideas, plan, evaluate and improve our writing over four weeks before we finally publish our very own adventure stories!

Maths:

This term we will be learning about statistics and recapping multiplication and division. We will be taking class surveys to make simple pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams and tables. We will use this information to ask and answer questions about totalling and comparing data. We will investigate the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction, using this to check calculations and solve missing number problems.

Reading:

Guided Reading takes place daily. Children read set texts and develop their vocabulary and understanding through a range of activities.

It is **essential** that your child reads each night and that the reading records are filled in by yourself or your child. You can support your child by talking about what they have read, asking them to retell the story in their own words, finding out the meaning of unknown words and making predictions using known information.

Topic:

Our topic for this term will be 'Into the Wild!'

In **Science** our topic is 'animals including humans'. We will be investigating the lifecycle of a variety of animals, finding out what animals and humans need to survive and how humans need to exercise and eat healthy foods.

Religion: In RE this half term we will be learning all about Judaism. We will be focusing on ideas about God and beliefs, special books, special artefacts and special people. We will also be finding out about Palm Sunday and Easter as this special celebration for Christians is at the beginning of April.

In **P.E** we will learn to use slow and fast movements with direction, perform two balances linked together in a sequence. We will then identify all of the actions we are using and think about how we can improve them.

PE is on **Wednesday afternoon** and all children need to ensure they have the correct PE kit on this day.

SEAL/PSHCE: Our focus this term is 'Good To Be Me'. During circle time we will be learning how to identify things we are good at and things that make us feel stressed. We will look at feeling strong and weak emotions. We will be connecting our circle time learning to our MindUP knowledge about the brain, using it to change our behaviour and stand up for ourselves when we need to.

Dates For Your Diary

Friday 23rd February - Year 2
celebrating 100 days of school

Monday 26th February – Friday 2nd March -
Reading Week

Thursday 1st March – World Book Day

Friday 2nd March—Dress up as your
favourite story book character

Monday 5th – Friday 9th March – Year 6 Resi-
dential

Wednesday 7th March – Year 3 Trip to
Natural History Museum

Monday 12th March – Friday 16th March –
Science Week

Homework:

Children need to learn their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables including division facts. Reading aloud to an adult or independently every night is essential. Discussing what your child has read with them will support their reading comprehension. This term we will be participating in World Creative Writing Month and it would be fantastic for any kind of creative writing or stories to be encouraged at home.