

YEAR 2 SPRING TERM : Our Planet

Theme: Our theme this term is Our Planet which will be reflected in the books that we study and the topics we cover in the wider curriculum.

English: The focus texts for this term are The Bee Who Spoke by Al MacCuish and Out and About which is a book of poetry. The children will be able to explore different styles of writing and grammatical tools to develop their own writing skills.

Phonics: In phonics the children will be focussing more on their spelling skills in stage 6, using their knowledge of stages 1-5. This will support them in their reading which will be invaluable for the Year 2 SATs towards the end of the year.

Home learning ideas: We continue to encourage you to listen to your child reading regularly, asking questions about the text to cement their comprehension.

Our focus values this term:

Thoughtfulness & Responsibility

Maths:

We will be continuing to focus on addition and subtraction as well as multiplication and division. This will help us to move into fractions as well as measurement.

Home learning ideas: It would be beneficial for the children to practice their times tables for 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s. This can be done using Times Tables Rock Stars.

Art and Design Technology: Working in line with our theme of the unknown we will be looking at recycled art. Children will be able to use a range of materials and techniques to create pieces of artwork.

Things to remember this term:

Homework will be given out every **Friday** to be returned the following **Wednesday**.

Reading: We ask that the children read at least 3 times a week, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 15 minutes.

Key dates:

Trip/visit - TBC

Science: We will be following the Empiribox curriculum focussing on Plants this term. Children will have the opportunity to plan, observe and carry out investigations and experiments while recording and interpreting data.

Geography/History: In Geography, following our theme we will be looking at the various ways that our planet is impacted. This will include changes in physical features such as beaches as well as seasonal and local weather patterns. History lessons will explore the Great Fire of London and other significant events and individuals of our past.

Spiritual, Moral, Cultural Education (SMSC) & R.E: This term the children will be looking into Christianity; what does it mean to be a Christian in Britain today?

PE: Year 2 will be having PE lessons on both Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The Tuesday session will be partially taught outside (weather permitting) by a specialist coach.

Music: The children will have a music lesson each Tuesday with Mrs King where they will be developing their skills in rhythm and general musicality.

Computing: Each week the children will have a Computing session where they will be looking into Questioning and Effective Searching.