

Summer 2 Newsletter

Year 2

Dear Year 2 Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the summer term! Please see below an outline of learning this term.

Maths

We will begin our final term by completing our fractions topic. We will then be moving onto telling the time to 5-minute intervals. Our final topics of this year will be statistics, focusing on drawing and interpreting pictograms, before finally describing movement and turns in our position and direction topic.

We hope everyone is continuing with their Times Table Rockstars and there is also a one-minute Maths app made by White Rose, if you haven't tried it yet, it is free to download. 1-minute Maths is a great way to review and strengthen children's fluency in the four operations as well. We recommend revisiting number bonds, adding and taking away tens, and reviewing multiplication facts (2s, 3s, 5s and 10s) and the 'divide by' section where children can use their multiplication facts to help them. Children can also review these on TTRS.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths>

You might also find Topmarks to be a useful site for Maths home learning, particularly the Daily Ten: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10>

Literacy

We have begun the summer term with a poetry focus, enjoying Benjamin Zephaniah's Nature Trail poem. Over the coming weeks, the children will be writing their own nature inspired poems, exploring rhythm, rhyme and repetition. Our next writing outcome will be a biography, describing the lives of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole, drawing on our history topic. This will be followed by information text writing, detailing the different habitats we have been learning about in science.

Science

In Science, we are continuing with our living things and their habitats topics, with a focus on food chains and what happens when they are disrupted.

Wider Curriculum

We are beginning our term with Art Week and a focus on African art. We are looking at the work of Esther Mahlangu, painting canvases with vibrant colours and geometrical forms. We will then be creating beautiful animals in their African

habitats using the style of Tinga Tinga artwork. History this term, we will be learning about how the actions of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole affected Britain. Our RE learning will continue to focus on Islam, with children understanding why the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) is important to Muslims. Our PSHE focus for this term will be about how to understand different emotions and feelings, as well as how to support someone with a bereavement (this will be taught through a story relating to the death of a pet). For our DT learning this term the children will be getting practical by designing and making a microhabitat. In Spanish, we will be learning how to name parts of the body. In PE this term, we will be mainly outside (with some sessions inside depending on the weather and space). Our first topic will focus on team building activities where children will explore simple strategies as a team to help solve problems. Our second topic will allow the children to explore tactics for defending and attacking, applying these across a range of mini-games.

PE days:

Mrs Paratilla

Indoor (outdoor when weather allows) – Tuesday

Outdoor – Thursday

Mr Vousden

Indoor (outdoor when weather allows) – Wednesday

Outdoor – Friday

All the best to you and your families,

Mrs Paratilla and Mr Vousden