

Year 2 Curriculum Overview Spring 2 2021

English

Genres: We will be using the books 'Man on the Moon' and 'Look Up', which both link to our Space topic. The children will learn to write an alien fact file and a non-chronological report about astronauts.

Reading: Our main focus this half term will be inference and summarising. We will do this during guided reading and whole class reading sessions.

Writing and spelling: The children will focus on spelling words with the suffix -ed, -ing, -er, -est. They will apply the spellings they have learnt in their written work.

Grammar and punctuation:

The main focus this half term is conjunctions for subordination (e.g. when, until, after, if, because) and coordination (e.g. and, but, or, yet, so).

Key vocabulary: fiction, non-fiction, retell, conjunction, fact file, report, suffix.

Other subjects

RE: Caring for our world

PE: Gymnastics

PSHE: Relationships

Key vocabulary: world, planet, duty, want, need, recycle, pollution, plastic, ocean

Maths

Shape: The children will learn to recognise and make a variety of 2D and 3D shapes. They will sort them, make patterns with them and find their lines of symmetry.

Fractions: The children will build on and consolidate their understanding of whole parts, halves and quarters from Year 1. They will then learn to recognise and find thirds and find equivalent fractions for a half and two quarters. Children will learn to count in fractions and solve problems involving halves, quarters and thirds.

Times Tables: We will continue to learn times tables using our weekly Times Tables Tracker tests. Your child's reading record will record which times table they need to learn at home. Tests will take place each Friday.

Reminders

Outdoor P.E. is on Tuesday for 2 Fir and 2 Holly.

Indoor P.E. is on Wednesday for 2 Fir and 2 Holly.

Please ensure reading records are brought to school everyday so they can be checked.

Home learning is sent home on Thursday and due back the following Tuesday.

Science

We will be looking at the topic of '**Animals Including Humans**.' Children will identify a range animals and their offspring. They will notice how animals grow and change and their basic needs for survival. Children will learn about the life cycle of chickens by observing real chicks hatching from eggs. They will then observe them growing for two weeks.

Children will explore the importance of healthy eating, exercise and hygiene too and suggest ways to improve their own diet.

Key vocabulary: animals, humans, carnivore, herbivore, omnivore, needs, growth, offspring, survival, water, food, air, hygiene, exercise, body, food, healthy, unhealthy

Topic

Our exciting topic for this half term is '**Space Race**'. The children will learn about the first people to go into Space and the race to get there. They will learn about famous astronauts including Mae Jemison, who was the first African-American woman in Space. They will also learn about the contribution the British Space Programme has made to society.
Key vocabulary: space, astronaut, programme, rocket, satellite, moon, contribution.