

Year 2 Curriculum Overview Summer 1 2021

English

Genres: This half term we will be using the picture book 'Lila and the Secret of Rain' as our stimulus for writing diary entries. Then we will use the book 'A Planet Full of Plastic' where we will learn to write persuasive letters.

Reading: During our guided reading sessions we will focus on inference, retrieval, summarising and making connections with other books we have read.

Writing and spelling: We will continue to ensure we know how to spell the common exception words for Year 2 correctly in our writing. We will also be focussing on proof-reading our writing so our spelling and punctuation are accurate.

Grammar and punctuation: This half term our grammar and punctuation focus will be looking at how adding suffixes to words changes their meaning, e.g. amaze > amazement or happy > happiness.

Key vocabulary: suffix, proof-read, inference, retrieve, summarise, connect, diary, persuade.

Other subjects

RE: Why do we celebrate births?

PE: Dance

PSHE: Relationships

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

Maths

Measurement: Children will learn to compare, order and measure different lengths, which will be done by solving a variety of reasoning and word problems.

Position and Movement: The children will learn to describe position and movement in different ways including quarter, half and three-quarter turns. They will then learn to make patterns with shapes by moving them in different ways.

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.

Key vocabulary: length, height, measure, position, movement, half, quarter, turn

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 continue to explore the importance of exercise, hygiene and a balanced diet. To help us become better scientists, we will conduct tests and use secondary sources of information to help us with this.

We will continue to learn about the life cycle of humans and other animals, exploring how offsprings change as they grow up. We will research about different animals, focussing on what they eat and presenting this information as different food chains or food webs. Also, we will use our observation skills to look for any similarities between predators and producers.

Key vocabulary: fitness, healthy, stamina, endorphins, pulse, germs, illness, contagious, food groups, producer, consumers, predators, prey, carnivores, herbivores, omnivores

Topic

Our topic this half term is 'Let's go on Safari!'. The children will take a very exciting virtual trip through Kenya. They will learn about the weather, climate and different landscapes. They will also learn about the animals that live in the Kenyan Savannah and about the different people and cultures including the Maasai Tribe.

Key vocabulary: safari, savannah, Maasai, landscape, mountain, coast, climate, culture