



YEAR 2 TOPIC NEWS Autumn 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have enjoyed the Summer Holidays albeit it being an unusual one. We are pleased to have children back in school.

During the Autumn Term our key question is 'Who has influenced our world?'

English

In English, we will learn and create our own traditional tales, adventure stories, instructions and poetry. Our core texts for this term are Jack and the Beanstalk, Peter Rabbit and Up!

Maths

We will have a focus on number this term. We will work on understanding the place value of digits in two-digit numbers. We will also learn how to add and subtract different numbers together up to two two-digit numbers.

History

In History, we will be learning about different influential people through time and how they have helped shape our world today. Our famous people include Florence Nightingale, Beatrix Potter, Amelia Earhart, Nelson Mandela, Queen Elizabeth II and Tim Berners-Lee.

Geography

This term, we will be learning lots about the globe. We will name the continents and oceans, identify and understand why there are hot and cold countries and use atlases to locate countries. We will compare different places around the world focusing on the key physical and human features of geography. We will also learn some key features of the four countries of the UK.

Science

We are going to be learning about animals and their habitats. We will also be learning lots about the properties of materials. We will use their geographical knowledge of climates to help explain which materials are suitable for different purposes including clothing and houses.

Computing

During the first half term, we will be completing the unit 'We are Zoologists'. We will complete a bug hunt in the school grounds (linked to our science work on habitats) and will learn to collect and input data and create graphs and charts to show our information. During the second half term, our unit is 'We are Photographers'. We will learn how to take a quality photograph, we will upload, edit, enhance and crop photographs.





P.E.

Our P.E day is on a Thursday for Hazel and on Friday for Redwood. A professional sports coach will continue to teach P.E. We will be learning skills in games, gymnastics and dance. Please ensure your child has a suitable P.E. kit for all weathers, particularly when it gets a bit chilly! There is now a winter PE kit for us to wear. Earrings should be removed for P.E. so please remove them on the day if your child cannot remove them themselves. They are to wear their PE kit for the whole day on their PE day.



Art and Design

In Art, we will learn and critique artwork by famous artists Da Vinci and Mario Bardi. We will be exploring the use of colour and patterns used in different types of art. We will investigate the works of Beatrix Potter, create our own sketches of her famous book characters and enhance these watercolours.



Design and Technology

When we learn about Italy, we will design our own pizza. We will also be using our knowledge of habitats to design and make our own animal homes to be placed within the school grounds. We will learn about different patterns and prints used on fabrics and hopefully making our own.



Music

In Music, we will explore different sounds we can make with our voices and instruments. We will learn songs and chants and accompany these with untuned instruments. We will learn to keep a steady beat and change tempo. We will practice these skills and perform in groups, following government guidelines.



R.E.

Our unit for the Autumn Term is 'What is a Muslim and what do they believe?'. We will read stories about the Prophet and discuss what can be learned from these stories. We will learn about Mosques, the Holy book and about celebrations including Ramadan and Eid. The children will make links back to last year's topic 'Who is a Christian and what do they believe?' identifying similarities between religions as well as the differences.



PSHE

In PSHE, our unit is about Rights, Rules and Responsibilities. We learn about keeping safe, making choices and how to be respectful to others by listening, sharing and taking turns. Our second unit is 'Myself and My Relationships'. We will talk about the similarities and differences between people, our families and friends, how we can make and keep friends and who to ask for help.





Homework

Every child is expected to read 5 times a week at home. This can be their coloured book band book, a book from home, a library book or whatever else they enjoy. Children will be given a chance to change their books in class once a week on an allocated day. Please write in their reading records when someone has heard them read. Maths homework is set on MyMaths online each **Friday** and is due in the following **Tuesday**. They also have access to BugClub and TTRockstars or Numbots online.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on the class emails:

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Thank you,

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