



Year 2 Curriculum News



Welcome Back!

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas. The children were very eager to share all their Christmas holiday news with us and it was lovely to hear about all the wonderful things they had been doing at home. They have settled back into the school routine and are enthusiastic to do work on our topic about toys. After the half term our focus will be on materials and sculpture.

If at any time you are anxious about anything at all, please do come and see me at the end of the day, or phone school to make an appointment.

English

This term in English we will be focusing on different stories by the same author, character and setting description, stories from other cultures, instructions, letters, information texts, invitations, lists and poetry.

For the next few weeks the spellings will be handwritten as these are words the children are not spelling correctly in their writing.

The children will continue to bring home spellings and maths to practise and these will be in their pupil planner.

History

In History we will continue to think about changes in the children's lives since their birth. Our main focus will be the history of toys. We will also look at famous explorers such as Christopher Columbus and Sir Francis Drake.



Science

In science our main focus for the term will be materials. We will be investigating things made from different materials, the properties of



R.E.

Our focus for this term is creation stories and taking care of our world.



Gen 1:31 And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Art and Design

After the half term holiday we will be studying sculpture and making our own sculptures from a variety of materials. Look out for our outdoor sculptures!



Music

In music this term we will be using their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and through chants and rhymes.

They will play tuned instruments tunefully and make music.



Design and Technology

To link with our topic on toys the children will be using and making different mechanisms to make objects move eg using split pins to make a teddy move, making pop-up pictures. Linked with science and art, they will be using various materials to make structures and sculptures that are stable and strong.



I.C.T

It will be 'Safer Internet Day' on 7th February, and as well as learning about how to keep themselves safe on the internet and when using electrical devices, the children will use their D & T models in short animations.

PE

A polite reminder that children require both an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school. They do require TRAINERS as part of their outdoor PE kit. Please bring kits to school on a Monday morning and leave in school for the week. If children have pierced ears, their earrings will need to be removed on this day.



This term as well as a PE session on a Friday, the children will have rugby coaching sessions on a Thursday, and I am pleased to say that Ed, the coach from the Tigers Trust, will now remain with us for the whole year to deliver a PE session for us on Tuesdays.

Outdoor Learning

The children will continue to have one lesson per week outdoors. This will support other areas of the curriculum or will be to gain new skills to encourage problem solving, working together, creativity and exploration. As it is an outdoor lesson we will go out unless there is a torrential downpour, so could you please ensure the children always have a waterproof coat in school please. If the children need additional clothing or equipment, I will let you know in advance.

This term our outdoor sessions will support various areas of the learning such as sculpture, map reading and orienteering.

Home Learning

The children have their six Home Learning tasks to do. It is up to the children, and you, in which order you do the tasks, but we would hope that you encourage the children to complete one per week and return it to school by Friday.

Home Learning

In reading this term we will be focussing on fluency and expression. By the end of Year 2 the children need to be able to read 90 words in 1 minute and we are working towards this.

We will also be working on deeper understanding of texts by linking parts of texts and making inference and deductions, for example: knowing why a character acted in such a way because of something that happened earlier in the text. We will also be answering "Why do you think ? ..." questions.

