

Year 2 - Spring

Term 2023-24

English

We will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction texts related to our topic and answering questions on them. We will be learning about the famous American astronaut, Neil Armstrong. We will be reading and learning the story 'George and the Dragon' and will write our own story by changing the characters and setting.

We will continue to teach weekly spelling patterns daily and learn lots of grammatical rules we need to apply to our writing.

Mathematics

We will be building our knowledge of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and related division facts. We will be reading scales in divisions of 1, 2, 5 and 10s. We will be estimating, measuring and comparing (< > =) mass using g and kg. We will be estimating, measuring and comparing (< > =) lengths using cm. We will be continuing our arithmetic practice including adding and subtraction 10, rounding two digit numbers and comparing numbers to 100.

Computing

We will be learning how to follow, predict and program commands for a floor robot (Bee-Bot). We will be designing and creating a floor mat and we will be writing and following our own algorithms.

RE

We will be learning about the religion of Islam and studying how Muslims live. We will be looking at the similarities and differences between Christianity and Islam, comparing special books, places of worship, stories, celebrations and recognise that different religions have different beliefs.

Design Technology

We will be planning, designing and creating a healthy wrap. We will be taste testing and selecting the appropriate equipment to prepare the food.

Music

We will be learning about orchestral instruments. We will be listening to pieces of music performed by orchestras and identifying the instruments we hear. We will be learning about the four main sections of an orchestra (brass, woodwind, string and percussion) and the different instruments in each section. We will be using our voices and instruments to explore tempo and compose our own pieces of music.

PE

We will be developing our sending and receiving skills including throwing and catching, rolling, kicking, tracking and stopping a ball. We will be learning to copy, repeat and create movement patterns in response to music. We will also be mirroring in partner work and exploring the use of facial expressions to show different characters.

Science

We will know that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. We will describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air). To be able to explain that exercise is an activity that requires physical effort. To know that food falls into 5 main groups. To know that we need more of some foods than others. To know what a balanced diet is and what it would include.

Geography

We will be studying the non-European country of Kenya. We will be locating Kenya on the world map and in relation to the UK. We will be comparing homes, transport, and school life of children in Kenya to those of the UK.

You can help your child by...
* Listening to them read on a regular basis and encouraging them to read a wide variety of texts.

* Helping them with spellings.
* Helping them to memorise the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.
* Asking them to tell you what they have been learning in school and helping them to look for information on the internet and in books.