

# This half term Year 1 and Year 2 are learning about.

## English

**Year 1** In English we are looking at the story Where the Wild Things Are. We will be retelling this story using prefix and suffixes. Revising capital letters, finger spaces and full stops within our independent writing. Following this we will be looking at plural nouns when writing a recount.

**Year 2** In English, we are reading a variety of books including 'Jeremy worried about the wind', 'Elephant in my Kitchen' and 'Bog Baby'. We will be focusing on the language features of description, stories and recounts. We will be revising capital letters and full stops within our independent writing as well as using various word classes such as expanded noun phrases and conjunctions. Handwriting will be a main focus as we continue to develop our handwriting skills and begin to join letters for cursive writing.

## Maths

**Year 1** We will be learning to count forwards and backwards, read and write numbers to 100, looking at ordering numbers and 1 more and 1 less. We will be learning about Time where we will be focusing on telling time to o'clock and half past. We will then look at recognising coins and notes and begin to understand their numerical order.

**Year 2** This term we will be learning about money looking at notes and coins and understanding their values. We will then be revising all four calculations and applying these to real world problems. As always, we will be revising our number bonds to 10 and 20 and getting quicker at our 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

## Science – Animals

**Year 1** This term we will be learning to recognise, identify and name a variety of animals including birds, mammals, reptiles, fish and amphibians and start to classify them into groups. We will be observing and identifying different animal body parts and discuss which animals have which body parts and why. We will then gather information on a variety of animals to see if they are herbivore, omnivore and carnivore and group them using this information.

**Year 2** This term we will be exploring and comparing the differences between living things, non-living things and things that have never been alive. We will be looking at habitats and microhabitats but focusing on land instead of water. We will be comparing different habitats from around the world including a desert, woodlands, and arctic regions. We will investigate how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals and create food chains.

## History – Famous Queens

This term, both Year 1 and Year 2 we will be learning about significant individuals from the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. We will be learning about Queen Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II our current Queen. We will be comparing aspects of life in different time periods.

## Year 1

## Art/DT

In Art we are going to look at printing, focussing on the artist Paul Klee. We will look at his work and then have a go at creating a printing art piece. We will then study and learn his technique before creating a final product.

## Year 2

In Art we are going to look at sculpture, focussing on the artist Michelle Reader. We will look at her work and then have a go at creating a sculpture. We will then study and learn her technique before creating a final product.

## Year 1

## PE

In PE we will be improving their hitting and striking through a range of different sports and team-based activities.

## Year 2

We will be focussing upon developing our gymnastics skills and we will be introducing the springboard. We will also be introducing the children to a team based sport called quik cricket.

## Things to do at home

- Regular reading with your child. When they have finished the book, ask them questions about what they have read.
- Use your reading journal to read and spell sight words.
- Year 1 count in 2,5 and 10's.
- Year 1 - Learn your sight words- they will help with your reading and writing.
- Year 2: Practise the 2, 5, and 10 times tables
- Year 2 Complete homework tasks weekly
- Year 2 – Practise reading and writing your spellings

## RE

## Year 1

We begin the topic 'Holidays and Holydays'. Here we will look at what holidays and holydays are and why we celebrate them. We will then learn about 'Being Sorry'. We will recognise Jesus' rule for friends and his words 'love one another'.

## Year 2

We begin the topic 'Spread the Word'. Here we will look at Pentecost and spreading the Gospel message through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We will also begin the topic 'Rules', where we will learn ways in which people say sorry and forgive each other because they follow Jesus.

## RSE

This half term, Year 1 and 2 will be taught RSE in modules. Year 1's module is called 'Let the children come'. In this module, the children will learn that we are created individually by God and that God loves us. We will also learn about special people in our life and how we are part of a family unit. The module 'Treating People Well' we learn how our behaviours and actions can affect others, and how when we are unkind, we can say sorry.

Year 2's module is also called 'Let the children come'. In this module, the children will learn that We are created individually by God and we can thank God for his love. We will learn how we are unique and individuals. In another module we will learn about recognising our feelings and emotions and also about keeping our bodies healthy.