

Year 2 are learning about:

English



In English, our new unit will be based around the book 'The Bear Under the stairs' by Helen Cooper. In this unit, the children discuss their fears and how they deal with them. They will write letters of advice to the main character and back before writing their own story of a child who fears something that might be in the house. The sequence of learning finishes with children making comparisons between real bears and toy bears and using this as the basis for an information report about bears to give to William to help him feel less scared. We will then begin our new unit based around the book, 'The Bear and the Piano' by David Litchfield. They will write statements as predictions before going on to use contracted verbs to write letters of advice. We will then continue this unit after half term.

We will continue to have our daily Little Wandle phonics lessons and Guided Reading three times a week. This term we will be reading 'The Legend of Kevin' by Philip Reeve & Ms Sarah McIntyre.

Maths



In Mathematics, we will be learning about 3-D shapes (cube, prism, pyramid, cuboid, sphere, and cylinder) and the types of surfaces they have. Do they have a flat face or a curved surface? We will look at the number of faces and children will identify 2-D shapes on the surface of 3-D shapes, (for example, a circle on a cylinder and a triangle on a pyramid).

We will then learn about fractions including recognising, finding, naming, and writing fractions ($1/3$, $1/4$, $2/4$ and $3/4$) of a length, shape, set of objects or quantity. Children will also write simple fractions e.g., $1/2$ of $6 = 3$ and recognise the equivalence of $2/4$ and $1/2$. We will continue to practise recalling our 2-, 5- and 10-times table so that we know the answers off-by-heart. We will also continue our Mastering Numeracy project to strengthen our knowledge of number and calculation.

History: Florence Nightengale

This half term, in History, children will find out who Florence Nightingale was and when she lived. They will explore traditional expectations for women at this time and how Florence rejected these in favour of becoming a nurse. They will learn facts about her life and think about their own ambitions for when they grow up.

Science

In Science, children will explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. They will identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other.

Art: Painting – Monet

In Art, we will be learning about the artist Monet. We will focus on his techniques and produce our own painting artwork based on his work. We will also learn about the colour wheel and mixing paints to create new colours. We will end the unit by evaluating our final pieces, identifying the skills we have developed while creating our paintings.

PE

In PE this half term, the children will continue their unit of gymnastics. They will build upon their current knowledge of how to travel and roll in a variety of different ways. The children will then create and perfect a sequence of movements which they will then perform.

For this PE unit, children must have shorts and t shirt – no joggers or leggings. Thank you.

Things to do at home

- Regular reading with your child and practising recognising tricky words and how to spell them. When they have finished the book, ask them questions about what they have read. **Record reading in Reading diary and bring this to school each day.**
- Log into your **ecollins Reading account to practice reading each day.**
- Practise counting wherever you go.
- Year 2 are to complete a homework activity each week (in their homework books or on Purple Mash) and hand this in every Wednesday.
- Check Class Dojo regularly for updates.

RE

In RE, our first unit is called 'Books', and we are thinking about important books in our lives, We will be focussing on the Bible and the different parts it is made up of. We will be looking at the Gospels and how Christians show them reverence in church.

We then move onto our unit called 'Thanksgiving', where we look at the Eucharist and parts of the Mass. As part of this unit, we will retell the story of the Last Supper.



Music



Year 2 have started their new Music unit 'Friendship Song.' Each lesson will consist of fun warm up games. Children will listen to and appraise different songs linked to the theme of friendship. They will then practise compositions that they have created themselves and work towards a final performance.

Key Vocabulary

This term, Year 2 are learning the following words:

- habitat
- creature
- artist
- tempo
- Eucharist

PSHE

Our themes for Lent I are as follows: Epiphany, Baptism, Discipleship, Scripture, Leadership, Diversity. The children have a mission each week to live out after they have discussed the topics within their groups. The children will also have a chance to deepen their understanding of our weekly mission through Mission Circles and Circle Time.