

Year 2 are learning about:

English



This term we will be reading a number of different books. Our whole class reading text is 'Too small Tola' by Atinuke. We will be reading this book together and developing our reading skills. Our reading for pleasure book is 'The Hodgeheg' by Dick King-Smith.

In our English lessons, we will continue our work on 'Tadpole's Promise' by Jeanne Willis. In these lessons, we will explore the story and use this to write our own version. We will then write an information text about the life cycle of a frog.

The children will continue to receive their reading books on Collins Educational which is linked to their phonics level - please ensure you share these books with your child and record this in their Reading Record.

Geography: Life in the City

In this unit, children will explain what a city is and name some of the capital cities of the world. They will explore the physical and human features of Edinburgh and Cape Town and compare similarities and differences between the two. They will look at ariel photos and explore how maps are designed and created.

Maths



In Mathematics, this half term we are learning to tell the time. We will be revising o'clock and half past before moving on to quarter past. After this, we will be measuring in centimetres and metres and looking to see how heavy objects are in our topic on Mass.

We will continue to revise our four operations during Morning Work, and we will also 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.

Science

In this unit, we will be exploring and comparing the differences between things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive. We 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. We will identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including micro-habitats. We will describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food.

DT: Wheels and Axels

In DT, children will explore how wheels move. They will identify what stops a wheel from turning and design a moving vehicle. They will then build a moving vehicle, meeting design criteria and will evaluate their final product, suggesting improvements.

PE

In PE this half term, we will be focusing on game skills. The children will be practicing changing speed and direction while running. They will throw, catch and bounce a ball with a partner and throw different types of equipment in different ways, for accuracy and distance. They will then bounce and kick a ball whilst moving. Finally, they will use the learnt skills in a game.

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 collins 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, we will be starting the topic called 'Opportunities'. Children will recognise and retell the events of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Here we will look at the events, religious actions and symbols of Lent and Holy Week and develop our understanding of these important days within the Liturgical Year.

Music

Year 2 have started their new Music unit 'Friendship Song.' Each lesson will start with 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:

- opportunities
- axels
- ariel

PSHE

Our themes for Lent 2 are as follows: Fasting, Sacrifice, Almsgiving and Journey. 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.