

English

In our English unit this half term will be continuing to carefully focus on our handwriting, making sure our upper- and lower-case letters are formed correctly as well as being the correct size.

We will be using our text driver Big Bear Little Brother to write a section of a narrative. The new skills we will be focussing on while we write our narrative will be:

- Using the subordinating conjunction when to join two clauses together.
- Use apostrophes to mark where letters are missing in a word.
- I can listen carefully in a group and take turns in discussions.

Year 2 Expectations for Home learning

All children are expected to read at least 5 times a week at home and this must be recorded in their reading record.

Reading records must be in school every day so that we can record all school reading in them. Children need to go on their NumBots account every week.

Children are expected to choose at least one project that will be shown to the rest of the class during the last week of term.

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Science

Unit - Changing Materials

Children will revise their knowledge of describing materials from Year 1 using scientific vocabulary such as flexible and waterproof

We will then move on to look at the properties of a material determines whether they are suitable for a purpose.

PSHE

Children will be continuing their knowledge on safety by learning to tie their shoelaces and will then move on to healthy habits with a focus on brushing our teeth correctly.

Maths

This unit continues with scaffolding the learning about addition and subtraction efficiently using known facts, and also focuses on the nature of commutativity. It also provides opportunities to further develop pupils' conceptual understanding of and use of time as a measure, as well as using standard units to measure mass.

The key objectives are:

- Use of number bonds to 'bridge through ten.'
- Addition of two numbers can be done in any order (commutative).
- Subtraction of one number from another number cannot be done in any order.
- Telling the time – quarter past / quarter to.
- Estimate and measure mass (kg/g) to the nearest appropriate unit.

Geography

Why is our world wonderful? In this unit, we will be:

Identifying characteristics of the UK on a map
Identifying human and physical features
Locate human and physical features on a world map
Explain the difference between oceans and seas
Name and locate the five oceans on a world map
Use an aerial photograph to draw a simple sketch map

PE

Target games – Working on learning how to throw, roll or strike a ball to a target with precision. Pupils will also learn how to aim and select the right skill for a situation

Sports Coach – Working on team building skills through a range of different activities.

RE

Our theme is Holi and the key concept is remembering.

Step 1 simply describe what *remembering* means.

Step 2 simply describe ways in which Hindus *remember* Vishnu at Holi.

Step 3 in simple terms, discern something of the value of *remembering* for Hindus in the celebrations and devotions paid to Vishnu.

Step 4 express creatively ways in which they *remember* events or people.

Step 5 recognise how their responses to *remembering* relate to their own and other's lives.

Music

Year 2 will be being taught how to play the ukulele by the Hampshire music service. They will learn the different parts of the instrument and how to play some simple tunes.

Computing

This term, we will be learning about digital photography. Using tablets, we will learn what makes a good photograph, the effects that can be used and whether photographs are real or not.

Art

Themes: Painting and mixed media. We will be developing our colour mixing skills, learning about the work of the artist Romare Bearden and composing collages inspired by our exploration of colour and texture around us.