

Topic

Geography: We will be learning about different types of homes around the world while learning to name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans. The children will learn to locate hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles. The children will use maps and globes to support this learning. The children will also learn about different key physical and human features and how they are represented as symbols on maps. The children will finally learn about the four compass directions and use these to describe the location of features and routes on a map.

Science: We will be learning about the different materials used to build houses and their properties. We will be basing our learning of materials around the story of 'Three Little Pigs – An Architectural Tale'. The children will investigate materials by building houses made of different materials and testing them against the Big Bad Wolf (hairdryer). The children will also be learning about plants. They will be designing a garden for an area in our farm and will learn about what plants need to stay healthy.

Important Dates

27th February to 3rd March - Book Week

2nd March - World Book Day

Tuesday 7th March – Trip (Local Walk)

Friday 24th March 9:00 - Deer Class Assembly

Thursday 30th March 1:30 - Family Learning

Just as a heads up there will be some blog challenges this half term for the children to complete at home. Please don't hesitate to leave comments on the class blogs.

Year 2

Spring 2nd Half Term

Houses and Homes



PE

PE is on Monday and Wednesday (Football) and Friday (Gymnastics) this half term. Please ensure your child has a named PE kit in school every day. This should include; a t-shirt, jumper, shorts, tracksuit bottoms, plimsoll and trainers.

Wanted Resources

The children will be planting some seeds and bulbs in our farm area but also in a container in the classroom. If you could send in a container of any kind which would be appropriate for planting that would be much appreciated. If anyone has any atlases, maps, globes or interesting artefacts from different continents they would like to share please bring these in and give them to the class teacher.

English

To start this half term, the children will be reading the story 'Three Little Pigs – An Architectural Tale'. They will be learning what a newspaper article contains and using this knowledge to write their own about the traditional tale. We will then be working on our editing skills to improve and rewrite parts of our newspaper articles.

The children will then be looking at a series of books written by Jennie Baker called; Window, Belonging and Mirror. They will be using these books as a stimulus to write their own story. Finally, this half term the children will be learning about the different continents around the world. They will use this learning as an opportunity to write non-fiction fact files about the different continents and homes within the continents.

Maths

We will be learning about fractions this half term in Maths. The children will be learning to recognise, find, name and write the fractions $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ of lengths, shapes and set of objects and quantities. The children will be learning this objective through investigations and also through making pizzas. The children will also learn to recognise the equivalence of fractions such as $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{2}{4}$.

To support their learning about homes around the world the children will also learn the 4 compass points. They will use this knowledge to read maps and also control programmable toys such as beebots.

The children will continue to practise the 4 calculations (addition, subtraction, division and multiplication) through their weekly big maths session.