

Maths

We will continue to use Maths No Problem to teach maths across year 2. During this half term we will be covering money, 2d shape, 3d shape, fractions and time. We will also be doing a weekly arithmetic lesson, concentrating on the four calculations and looking at SATs style questions in preparation for May.

Keep looking on the blog as the children will update you on the methods we have been using in the classroom.

Science

This half term we will begin by looking at the different uses of plants and the conditions needed for them to grow. We will also be identifying and describing the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants.

We will then be finding out about different materials, identifying and comparing their suitability for different uses. We will then be looking at their properties and how they can be changed.

The children will be making predictions, testing their hypothesis, carrying out fair tests, collating results and writing conclusions.

Forest School

Mrs Roberts will be leading weekly forest school sessions throughout spring term 2. Activities will be based around nature and our local environment, focusing on increasing individual strengths. The children will have the opportunity to learn skills in den building, team games, woodland craft activities, use the mud kitchen, plant and tree identification and much more! Please provide your child with adequate clothing so they can participate in these sessions.

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Karate

Continuing this half term all children in year 2 will train with ESKA, a local karate association to work towards achieving a red belt in Karate. This will involve the children learning basic moves (Kion) simple sparing techniques (Kumite) and a sequence of moves performed individually (Kata). These sessions will be on a Thursday morning.

Topic

This half term we will be learning all about maps and the world around us. We will be looking at physical and human features of the local environment and comparing these to countries around the world. The children will be learning about the similarities and differences of the 7 continents and 5 oceans. We will be developing our fieldwork skills through designing a map of the forest school area. We will also be studying different countries in depth.

English

Our English work this half term will be based around two Talk for Writing texts; 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and 'Why Seagulls are a Nuisance.' The children will be imitating the story through the use of a story map, before moving on to creating their own versions of the story.

Reading

As part of our push for developing a real love for reading the children will be reading independently regularly throughout the week. Children will be choosing which books they want to read from the library and class collections. We will be calling this independent reading time ERIC, which stands for everyone reading in class.

We will have two whole class guided reading sessions a week. One will focus on using atlases to retrieve information and learn more about different countries. The other session will be focussed on the layout and style of a SATs reading paper. The children will have opportunities to develop their retrieval and inference skills, using past papers.

Class Blogs

We will continue to use the class blogs this half term. Thank you so much for your engagement with the blog. The children love reading comments and enjoy sharing their work.

Important dates

Monday 25th February – Term starts

Friday 5th April – Term ends

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day, KS1 story café
3:00 – 4:00pm

Wednesday 13th March – year 2 celebration assembly

Friday 15th March – Comic Relief

Wednesday 20th March – KS1 sports celebration
assembly