



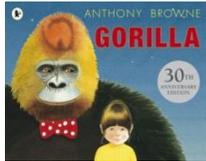
Information for Parents and Carers Class 2: Spring Term 1

Our Country

The focus of this half term's work is to learn about the countries of the UK. We will explore the UK by looking at individual countries, capital cities, human and physical features along with comparing and contrasting the capital cities of London and Brasilia.

English:

Fiction – We shall be reading stories by the author Anthony Browne and using them as a stimulus to create our own stories. We shall learn how illustrations enhance the text, describe and create characters, then plan and write stories.



Poetry – We will be exploring poems about 'bedtime' which will include learning a poem and performing it in front of others and composing our own bedtime poems.

Maths:

In Maths we will be covering the following topics –
Numbers and Place Value
Measures (capacity, volume, mass, weight)
Money
Time
Geometry (2D and 3D shapes)
Addition and Subtraction
Multiplication and Division (Yr2)
Statistics (Yr2)
We will be using a range of resources and much of our work will involve practical activities to make the lessons fun and enjoyable.

Science

We shall be learning to understand the differences between things that are living, dead and that have never been alive. We shall be discussing what living organisms need to stay alive and well, and then investigating the habitats they live in. The children will study simple food chains and how animals obtain their food.



PE & Games:

This term's PE involves Dance and Gymnastics. Ms Adams will be teaching the Dance lesson on a Tuesday afternoon and gymnastics will be on a Wednesday afternoon.

Please ensure that your child has both indoor and outdoor kit in school at all times, as days can change if the hall is booked out or the weather is poor. Long hair must be tied back for safety during the PE lessons.

Cross Curricular Learning:

In **Geography** as part of learning about the UK we will examine the Isle of Coll which is also known as the Isle of Struay in the Katie Morag stories. In **Art** we will be learning about basic printmaking techniques, making block prints and creating patterns and pictures by printing with different objects. Our **PSHE** work this half-term is entitled 'Good to be me'. We shall be learning how to understand, identify and discuss positive feelings. We will understand that everyone has a different gift or talent that they should be proud of. We will also be looking at how it feels to be worried or anxious. Our **RE** work is about Questions that puzzle us. We will be looking at how Christianity and other religious traditions explore 'big questions' that we might ask. In **Spanish** the topic is Transport and how we get to school. In **ICT** we will be grouping, sorting and creating pictures. The gymnastic lessons in **PE** will be learning about safe ways to travel and jump around a space including taking weight on our hands and different ways of balancing. We will be creating sequences that include turning, spinning and twisting. The **Music** lessons will be spent exploring pitch. We shall be listening to examples of music combined with composing and performing using our voices and percussion instruments. The **Forest Fun** sessions will be for all the children this half term.

How you can help at home

Class 2 home-learning will be set on Fridays and should be completed by the following Wednesday. It will usually consist of Mathematics activities for everyone to complete and Year 2 will sometimes also receive an English task to consolidate the learning in class. There will also be a set of spelling words for the children to learn ready for a spelling test each Friday. Please ensure your child reads to you regularly and that an adult has written a comment in their reading record. Two new reading books will be given for home practice on your child's reading day.



