

Information for Parents and Carers

Class 2: Spring Term 2

Travel and Transport

The focus of this half term's work is to learn about the development of travel and transport throughout history. We will be looking at the early travel methods of the Vikings, through to the invention of cars, trains and aeroplanes. George Stephenson and the Wright brothers are the significant people that we will also be learning about.

English:

Non-fiction We shall be using the text 'Meerkat Mail' to help write a non-chronological report about Meerkats. We will imagine we are 'Sunny' visiting our school and write a postcard home.

We are going to use the books 'Oliver's Vegetables', 'Oliver's Fruit Salad', and 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' to help us learn to write instructions.

Poetry

We shall be looking at poetry linked to the senses and will be writing our own poem based on this theme.

Non-fiction

Phonics will be taught separately to each year group using a mixture of practical, written and interactive resources.

Handwriting lessons will take place daily, when the children will learn to write in a cursive style.

Maths:

In Maths we will be covering the following topics:

Statistics (Yr2)

Addition and Subtraction

Multiplication and Division

Fractions

Measures (capacity and volume, mass and weight, length)

Time

Geometry (position and direction)

2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables

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:

This half term's Science will again focus on Animals including Humans. We will be learning about how humans and other animals are born, grow and change, and what we need to survive



and be healthy. The children will classify different animal babies, learn about the basic needs shared by humans and animals, and research the differing needs of animals within our care. We will explore the need for humans to eat a varied diet, to keep themselves clean and to take regular exercise. Throughout this unit of work the children will be encouraged to make positive choices that contribute to a healthy lifestyle.

PE & Games:

This term's PE involves Multi Skills and Dance. Lessons will take place on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. In Multi skills we will be focussing on balance, co-ordination and agility. Mr Freeman will be teaching the Multi skills lessons.

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:

This half-term there will be a strong focus on the subject of **History**. We will learn about how transport has developed and changed. We shall be making a Viking Longboat and learning how they were used. We will find out how the invention of the steam train changed people's lives in the 19th century and the different ways that humans have tried to fly through history. The topic will end with the children inventing their own idea of transport for the future. **PSHCE** and **SEAL** work this half-term is entitled 'Good to be me'. We will be exploring our feelings as an individual, developing self-awareness and considering our strengths and weaknesses as learners. For **Design and Technology**, we will be looking at Mechanisms. The children will investigate vehicles in the world around them and will develop and make their own designs based on their research. In **Art** we are going to learn about Collage and creating pictures by tearing, cutting, folding, curling, fanning and twisting paper. We will be learning about the artist Matisse. Our focus in **Computing** will be creating pictures and spreadsheets. In **RE** our theme is entitled 'Celebrations'. We will learn about the Christian celebration of Easter and how Muslims celebrate Ramadan and Eid. Our **Music** topic is called 'Taking off'. The children will learn how to discriminate between higher and lower sounds and will be creating simple melodic patterns.

**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 (if you have a problem logging in or have mislaid the username/password, please let me know so that I can sort it out for you).

Year 2 will be given an additional piece of English or Maths home-learning in preparation for the SATs in May.

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.

New reading books will be given for home practice on your child's reading day.