

Information for Parents and Carers

Class 2: Spring Term 1



Why Can't Olaf Live in the Desert?

The focus of this half term's **Science** work is Living Things and their Habitats. We will learn about a variety of habitats and the plants and animals that live there.

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 reading and performing some Bedtime Poems and composing our own poems about the night.

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.

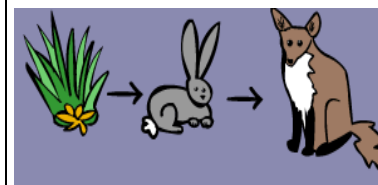
Maths:

In Maths we will be covering the following topics:
Number and Place Value
Measures (capacity and volume, mass and weight)
Geometry 2D and 3D shapes
Money
Addition and Subtraction (Yr1)
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 learn how animals obtain their food.



PE & Games:

This term's PE involves Gymnastics and Netball. Lessons will take place on Monday afternoons with Ms Adams and on Wednesday mornings with myself and Mrs Smithies. We will also be attempting to regularly complete the Friezland Mile.

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** we are exploring the UK by looking at individual countries, capital cities, human and physical features and comparing and contrasting the cities of London and Brasilia. 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** topic 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 **Music** we are going to listen to and perform songs in the six different styles of Blues, Baroque, Latin, Bhangra, Folk and Funk. We will be creating Animated Storybooks in **ICT**.

Class 2 – Dates for your diary:

- Thursday 30th January - French Day
- Friday 31st January - Choir at Young Voices MEN Arena
- Monday 3rd February - Trip to Gallery Oldham

How you can help at home:

Home-learning will be set on Fridays and should be completed by the following Thursday. It will usually consist of Athletics and TT Rock Stars activities for everyone to complete. 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 out when your child has read with an adult at school.

