

Year 2 Spring Term Curriculum Newsletter

English

In Spring 1 we will be continuing our unit of 'The Snowmen at Night' focusing on alliterations and then writing our own rhyming couplets. We will then move on to study a folktale from Australia called 'Tiddalick the Frog' and write our own version.

In Spring 2 we will be focusing on the author, Oliver Jeffers. Throughout the topic we will read and compare his stories, exploring settings and characters before planning and writing our own sustained story in a similar style. We will then move into a non fiction unit of Non - Chronological reports and write reports about Artic animals including penguins and polar bears.



Mathematics

In the spring term, we will be focusing on our number knowledge. We will revisit addition and subtraction focusing on the formal methods.

We will also be rehearsing and beginning to recall multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables. Following this we will be looking at geometry and statistics.



Science

Spring 1 - Health and Growth. This topic will cover: the life cycle of humans, looking at how we change as we get older and can do more things. We will also look at the life cycle of animals such as frogs and butterflies and understand how animals change.

Spring 2 - In Spring 2 our topic is Plants. This topic will cover identifying parts, requirements and varieties of plants and comparing seeds and bulbs.





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Computing

Spring 1 – Our unit is called Robot algorithms. The children will develop their understanding of instructions in sequences. They will design algorithms and these these algorithms as programs and debug them.

Spring 2 – The next unit is Programming. In this unit, the children develop their understanding of instructions in sequences and the use of logical reasoning to predict outcomes. They will design algorithms and then test those algorithms as programs and debug them.

History

During this unit the children will be learning all about the Great Fire of London. They will develop their sense of chronology and consider why the fire happened. The children will also be learning about Samuel Pepys and look at diary writing.

Physical Education

Our PE topics will be Dance and Creative Games where the children get to explore ways to make up their own games

Please ensure all kit is clearly named and in school all week.

Art and Design

This term we will be looking at the artist Marianne North. The children will continue to develop their understanding of the use of colour and will develop their drawing and painting skills to create some wonderful plant art.

Design & Technology

We will be investigating, designing and finally making cars during this topic. Our cars will have either fixed or moving axels and the children will evaluate their final product.

Religious Education

In RE we will be learning about Islam and the importance of prayer to Muslims. We will be learning about what it means to make a commitment and looking at how and why Muslims pray.

In Spring 2 we will be learning more about The Easter story and the resurrection of Christ.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be looking at Safety and the Changing Body. This unit includes discussing the concept of privacy and exploring ways to stay safe online. We look at how to behave safely when crossing the road. Before exploring what people can do to feel better when they are ill and how to be safe around medicines.

Music

Our unit this term in called ' I wanna play in a band' a song by Joanna Mangona which is a rock song for children. The children will be learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song. The children will listen and appraise classic Rock songs.

Information:

Spellings will be tested on **Thursday**

New reading books will be given out and reading diaries will be checked on **Fridays**

Library books are changed on **Mondays**.

Please keep everything in book bags at all