

ENGLISH

In English we will be reading 'The Tin Forest' by Helen Ward which is a lovely story, full of amazing vocabulary. The children will be using noun phrases to describe the character and the setting as well as writing their own version of the story. We will also read 'A Planet Full of Plastic' which will inspire the children to write their own non-chronological report. To launch **National Poetry Week** a well-known children's poet, Andy Seeds, will be visiting our school, inspiring us to become amazing poets.

MATHEMATICS

In Maths we are continuing with our teaching for mastery approach.

The children will revisit and learn how to:

- Read, write and compare two digit numbers.

- Identify the number of tens and ones in a given number.

- Add a 1 digit number to a 2 digit number.

- Use their bonds to 20 and 100 (tens).

- Add and subtract 10.

SCIENCE

In Science the children will be learning about materials and their properties. They will identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses.

We will learn all about how materials can be recycled in different ways and about the effect of rubbish on our environment. This will link with our English text 'A Planet Full of Plastic' where we will explore plastic pollution.

COMPUTING

Children will revisit using the internet safely. They will create graphs supporting their learning in science showing which materials are the most commonly used in our school. In guided reading children will use the iPads to read books online and research information to support their learning.

PHONICS

Children will revisit the phonics learning from Year 1, Phase 5 following the DfE Letters and Sounds scheme using Twinkl resources and begin Phase 6 spelling rules.

HANDWRITING

The children will continue learning to join their handwriting using letter join. The letter join formation is available on the school website and you will be able to log on to Letter Join using the password you had when you were in Year 1.

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PSHE

PSHE we will be a priority this term, supporting children with issues they may have with returning back to school as well as the transition to Year 2. We will revisit the school and class rules. We will discuss how other people are feeling. Children will talk about different types of behaviour and how this makes others feel. We will be looking at how we should respect similarities and difference between people and also discuss what to do if people are being unkind.

ART

This half term we will be learning about collage. We will start by looking at the work of Kurt Schwitters who is a famous collage artist. The children will then go on to learn about and practise the skills and techniques of collage. This will then be used to create an 'under the sea' collage which will be inspired by one of our key texts 'A Planet Full of Plastic'.

DT

In D&T the children will design a chair. They will think about suitable materials and the technology needed to create a strong and sturdy structure.

PE

The children will be exploring games and gymnastics this half term. In games they will be practising their teamwork skills and in gymnastics they will develop their balance and control of their body.

MUSIC

Year 2 classes will take it in turns to learn to play the recorder. Children will build on the learning from Year 1 and learn songs to sing at our Harvest celebration at the church later in the Autumn Term.

Geography

The children will be using maps, atlases and globes to identify the world's seven continents and oceans. They will identify the hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the equator and poles.

We will monitor and record daily weather and learn about seasonal climate patterns in the UK and compare this to the climate of countries around the world.

RE

We will be discussing belonging to various groups and communities such as family, football teams, our class and our school. Our big question in RE will be 'How and why do we celebrate sacred days?'. Our focus this term will be comparing various celebrations celebrated by different religions.

We will discuss being thankful and ways in which we can share and be kind to others.