

MATHS

As mathematicians, we will be focusing on collecting a variety of data and showing this in different ways. We will be creating Venn diagrams, tables and tally charts. We will also be using our map skills and re-capping the points of a compass.

GEOGRAPHY

As geographers, we will be exploring aerial maps to locate hot air balloon launch/landing sites. We will also look at the physical geography of Bristol, investigating famous Bristol landmarks and their locations. In addition to this, we will be carrying out experiments to investigate how wind can affect the movement of different objects when travelling through the air.

HISTORY

As historians, we will be learning about the origin of hot air balloons. We will be learning about the Montgolfier Brothers, Don Cameron and Steve Fossett and about their creations and adventures around the world. We will also be looking into the origin of the famous Bristol Balloon Fiesta and how the festival has changed over time.

SCIENCE

As scientists, we will be investigating different materials and their properties, understanding why each material has a specific use. We will also be experimenting how these materials can be manipulated through force such as being stretched, twisted, bent or squashed.

Up, Up and Away!

Year 2

Term 5



ART and DT

As artists, we will be honing drawing and sketching skills as we focus on replicating pictures of iconic Bristol Landmarks such as the River Avon, The Clifton Suspension Bridge and Mendip Hills. In addition to this, we will begin to look at how to design a model hot air balloon!

THE WIDER CURRICULUM

This term we have a number of exciting events happening in school:

Forest School every **Wednesday afternoon**. Please come into school in your school uniform and bring your forest school clothes with you.

The children will also continue to prepare our school garden in order to plant and harvest fruit/vegetables.

ENGLISH

As writers, we will be joining the school wide topic of relationships and character traits. This term Year 2 have the theme of 'Loneliness' and will be looking at a variety of texts all around this topic. These texts include 'Sad, the Dog' by Sandy Fussell and Trudy Ludwig's 'Invisible Boy'. We will use Talk for Writing techniques to retell the stories and will be creating a range of pieces including narratives and informal/formal letters. We will be using subordinating conjunctions and commas in a list to further our character descriptions, describe events in the first person and use comparatives to further our descriptive skills.

READING

As readers, we will be using a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts, many of these linked to our theme work. We will be enhancing our skills at making inferences and picking out vital information from texts. We will also be looking at writing formal written answers to questions about the texts.

P.E.

As athletes, we will be practicing our athletic skills such as jumping, running and throwing to prepare for our upcoming sports day. **Please ensure that your child comes to school in a PE uniform on Tuesdays.**