

ENGLISH

As authors, we will be starting the term by focusing on building the children's basic writing skills and will focus on improving their handwriting and presentation.

This term, we will be looking at a range of texts exploring the different realities of how families live and how this differs to ourselves. We will be focusing on writing a character description and building on the skills necessary for this, such as: using adjectives for description and coordinating conjunctions to extend sentences. We will also explore poetry and create our own shape poems in this unit. Later in the term, we will move into non-fiction writing, practising our letter writing skills.

MATHEMATICS

As mathematicians, we will be starting the year by focusing on place value. In this unit, we will focus on reading, writing, ordering and comparing numbers up to 100.

Following this, we will move onto addition and subtraction and will be focusing on improving these skills and expanding them to be able to add and subtract larger 2 digit numbers.

We will also focus on improving our counting skills practising our 2 times tables, as well as learning our 5 and 10 times tables. The children will be introduced to TT Rockstars this year and will begin using this software to practise their times tables.

READING

As readers, we will be reading a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts, many of these linked to our English or theme topic. We will be enhancing our skills at making inferences through exploring images in books, discussing how characters think and feel and will practise picking out vital information from texts to help us answer questions. We encourage all children to read at home as much as possible to further help improve their reading ability!

Poles Apart

Year 2 - Term 1

P.E (Friday)

As athletes, we will be learning a variety of multi skills to help us improve our balance, coordination and agility. We will also be focusing on our teamwork skills, improving on our ability to work well together as a team to achieve goals and complete challenges.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in a full PE uniform of a white t-shirt, black/grey bottoms, trainers and a school jumper or cardigan.

SCIENCE

As scientists, we are learning about living things and their habitats. We will start this topic by recapping our knowledge about animals and their diets and will deepen this understanding through exploring the process of food chains. We will then move onto explore how animals and plants are suited to their habitats and the different kinds of habitats they have. This will involve us carrying out our own investigations within our forest school area, where we will be learning different ways to collect data and present our findings. At the end of this unit, we will be creating our own habitat dioramas to display the knowledge we have learnt this term.

Forest school

- Forest School for Year 2 is on **Thursday afternoons**. Please send your children to school in uniform with their Forest School kit in a bag to change into for the afternoon.

GEOGRAPHY

As geographers, we will be focusing on the polar regions, exploring the North and South Pole. We will begin by improving our general geography through locating and naming the continents and oceans of the world. We will then move onto exploring the difference between climate and weather, looking in depth at the 6 different climates and the reasons why they exist. Furthermore, we will focus on the climate difference between the UK and the Arctic, identifying the key differences and similarities between the two as well as comparing their human and physical features.

ART/DT

As artists and designers, we will be honing our painting and drawing skills to create a variety of pieces around the polar regions. We will be creating landscapes, Inuit prints and Aurora Borealis chalk pastel paintings.

