

Welcome back after the Easter break. We hope that you have had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday! This term we are developing an exciting, thematic approach to teaching. This allows children to make connections between areas of learning, and consolidate skills.

Maths

As mathematicians in Year 2 the children will be counting forwards and backwards in ones, twos, fives and tens up to 100. We will also start to count above 100. They will practise adding two numbers together (starting with counting on and moving onto partitioning) and will begin to quickly recite the number bonds to 10, 20 and 100. The children will continue to learn how to solve subtractions. They will learn the features of 2D and 3D shapes and be able to name triangles, squares, rectangles, circles, hexagons, pentagons and octagons, and will also look at how to measure length and height.

English

In English children will be encouraged to apply features of a narrative including a range of suffixes (-er, -est, -ful, -ly -less) to write narratives of classic tales from the 70s and 80s, such as Little Red Riding Hood and The Hungry Lion, Jim and the beanstalk and The Paper Bag Princess. They will also write instructions linked to Road Dahl classic The BFG. They will have spellings to learn on a weekly basis and be tested on Fridays.

Science

As scientists the children will find out about living things and their habitats. They will identify things that are living, things that are dead and things that have never been alive, Children will learn to understand that living things need to live in suitable habitats. They will explore the plants and animals that live in seaside and unfamiliar habitats. They will describe a micro-habitat and explore food chains in a habitat.



Religious Education

We will begin the term with the unit called 'Holy Places'. Children will name some of the main features of the sacred places they have visited and / or studied. We are hoping to extend children's understanding by visiting a place of worship in the local area.

PE

This term there will be a focus on dance. Children will experiment with different ways of moving, move to a piece of music and participate in a group dance.

Topic

Our thematic units are cross-curricular, covering all the traditional subjects as well as more contemporary areas of study such as sustainability and wellbeing.

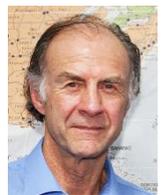
Our first theme this term will be 'Inter Nation Media Station'.

This topic is based on media and broadcasting, with a key focus on history, through which pupils will learn about early methods of communication, leading to the invention of both the television and radio. Pupils will develop confidence in oracy, through opportunities to work on their own broadcasts.



Alongside this theme, the children will be historians and learn about significant people in the past and present.

Sir Ranulph Fiennes - He is famous for his dare devil achievements and record-breaking expeditions, some of which he used to raise large sums of money for many charities.



Josephine Baker - A black American entertainer who fought hard against racism and segregation, is both inspiring and challenging.



Elizabeth Blackwell - The first woman to receive a medical degree and become a doctor in 1849, is both inspirational and thought-provoking.

