

Hoad Summer 2 24 Parent Curriculum over view Year 2

Literacy

We are using the texts 'The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth' and a selection of poems from Michael Rosen's 'A great Big Cuddle' as the basis for our creative writing this half term. We will also write for different purposes e.g. labels for our artwork and stories about Florence Nightingale in history.

SPAG this half term introduces new learning about homophones and near homophones, as well as revisiting learning from earlier in the year such as tenses, suffixes and different punctuation.

Spellings will usually come out on a Monday ready for Friday Spelling Challenge.

Library Change day is Monday and home-school reading books are changed ready to come out on Tuesdays and Fridays. If you would like to keep books longer in order to help develop fluency or because texts are longer, please either pop a note in your child's reading record or keep the folder at home.

Our animal -themed Library Challenge books are proving popular and will continue to come home during this half term.

Maths

We will be investigating written methods of calculation, fractions and how we measure time this half term.

As children become more confident with their 2,5 and 10 times tables ,they can go on to counting in 3s and learning the 3 times table. Year 2 have really enjoyed playing a free game on www.ictgames.co.uk called 'Times Tables Truckers' which helps children learn their tables and corresponding division facts.

White Rose Maths (the scheme we use throughout the school for teaching maths) has developed a '1 Minute Maths' app for parents and pupils that helps children practise the four main calculations.

Science

We are going to look at different life cycles linked to both plants and animals; look at how plants have adapted to extremes of climate (desert and polar) and start to think about our senses. We will devise investigations into the importance of light in human sight and how our noses help us smell and detect different senses.

History

The theme for this half's term's work is the life of a significant person in British history. We will be looking at the life of Florence Nightingale and the impact of her life and experiences on modern nursing.

RE

This half term we are going to be looking at the Bible and why it is such a special book for Christians. We will think about our favourite Bible stories and which testament they are found in as well as learning about the Dead Sea scrolls and the sacred texts of other world faiths.

PSHCE

We will be continuing our unit on keeping healthy looking at exercise, maintaining healthy teeth, sleep patterns and mental health. We will also think about how to keep safe in the summer by looking at caring for our skin in the sun and being safe around e.g. water or busy places.

Art

The focus for this half term's work is going to be weaving. We will look at how weaving through the art of different cultures including Ghanaian kente weaving and the work of famous textile artists such as Gunta Stolz.

PE

After some athletics-based training as preparation for Sports Day we will extend our work on leaping and landing to incorporate low to medium apparatus and devise then refine simple sequences using jumps and landings we have practised.

Computing

In ICT the children will explore different ways of presenting ideas. We will explore e-books, mind maps, quizzes and fact files before creating a non-fiction presentation on a chosen topic.

Music

This half term we will listen to and appraise classical music. We will look at different parts of compositions and learn more about pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo and dynamics.