

Autumn Term in Year 2

Literacy

In literacy, we will start by looking at the text 'Troll Swap' and write our own version of the story. We will then look at the poem 'The Owl and the Pussycat' and have a go at writing our own poem that includes nonsense words. Next, we will read 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' and write a non-chronological report about owls.

Maths

In maths, we will start the year by looking at place value within 2 digit numbers and learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will then use our knowledge of place value to support us with addition and subtraction of 2 digit numbers. We will finish the term learning to recognise, name and talk about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

Science

In science this term we will start by learning about animals' and humans' needs for survival. Then, we will explore different materials and their properties. We will end with a sustainability unit about plastic.

Music

First, we will be using instruments to represent animals, copying rhythms, learning a traditional Ghanaian call and response song and recognising simple notation, progressing to creating call and response rhythms. Then, the children will be introduced to the instruments of the orchestra and practice identifying these within a piece of music.

Design Technology

Structures

We will be exploring stability and methods to strengthen structures. We will be able to understand Baby Bear's chair weaknesses and develop an improved solution for him to use.

Computing

We will be exploring what a computer is by identifying and learning how inputs and outputs work. We will gain an understanding of how computers are used in the wider world and children will design their own computerised invention.

History

The children will gain an understanding that although schools have been in the local area for a long time, they have not always been the same; identifying historical similarities and differences; using a range of sources to recognise continuity between children's lives past and present.

Geography

We will be introducing the basic concept of climate zones and mapping out hot and cold places globally. We will look at features in the North and South Poles and Kenya and compare weather and features in the local area. We will learn the names and locating the continents in the world.

Art

Mapping it Out

Responding to a design brief, the children will learn three techniques for working creatively with materials and at the end of the project, evaluate their design ideas.

Religious Education

In RE during the first half term we will be looking at the religion of Islam with a focus on who a Muslim is and how they live. During the second half term we will be focusing on Christianity and why Christians celebrate Christmas and why it's important to them. The children will be taking part in a range of activities in RE including writing, drawing and making.

PSHE

Families and Relationships

We will be learning that families are composed of different people who offer each other care and support. We will also discuss how other people show their feelings and how to respond to them. Finally, we will look at conventions of manners and developing an understanding of self-respect.

Physical Education

In PE during the first half term the children will be developing their multi-skills. They will be taking part in a range of games and activities to work on their ability to roll, hit, run, jump, catch and kick in combination. In the second half term they will be working on their physical fitness. The children will be given the opportunity to practice, develop and make progress with their overall fitness levels.

Useful Websites

<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gh>

<https://www.purplemash.com/login/>