

Half Term Curriculum Overview



Year 2 Autumn 1

English

This half term we are exploring *We're All Wonders* by R. J. Palacio. During these lessons we will be:

- Writing our own versions of Auggie's story, focusing on treating people equally and celebrating difference.
- Writing a letter from Auggie to his friends explaining how it feels to be different.

In reading we are using a range of texts and we are focussing on: our inference, retrieval and summarising skills.

Mathematics

In Maths this half term we will be:

- Exploring two digit numbers and place value.
- Comparing and ordering numbers from 0 to 100.
- Adding and subtracting two digit numbers.

As always, we will be regularly practising our timetables skills, arithmetic skills across all operations as well as developing and extending our reasoning skills to deepen our understanding.

Science

This term we are learning about health and hygiene and why it is important to keep ourselves clean. As well as this we will be looking at what it means to eat healthy and the effect of exercise on our body.

We are also looking at the lifecycles of different animals including humans; understanding that they have offspring that mature; to describing how humans change as they grow; and how offspring resemble their parents.

Homework

It is essential that your child completes all homework set. This will include:

- A maths worksheet related to that week's learning.
- A list of five spellings to learn for a test.
- Reading at least four times a week (please record in the school diary).

All homework to be set on Google Classrooms.

History

In History this term we are studying the Great Fire of London using enquiry skills to answer questions such as Why did the fire start? What impact did the fire have? How has this changed London today? Children will use historical sources to develop their questioning skills.

Computing

In Computing we will be beginning to use word processing, developing our basic editing skills including colour and style. We are learning how to save, print, retrieve and edit our work.

DT

In DT, we will be making moving pictures books which will be linked to our History topic of the Great Fire of London. We will learn about different mechanisms such as pivots and leavers.

PE

In PE we will be participating in invasion games where we will learn simple tactics for attacking and defending.

RE

In RE we will be looking at the religions of Christianity, Islam and Hinduism and what festivals are celebrated within each religion and why.

Music

In Music, we will be learning how to play the recorder where we will be identifying pulse, rhythm and composing using instruments and singing.

Growth Mindset

Our focus this half term is to implement our growth mindset stars in school. We will be looking for kindness, curiosity, grit and determination, optimism, teamwork and self-control.

Help needed!

If any parents/ carers would like to spare an afternoon to listen to our children read, please contact the Office or let your child's teacher know. Thank you, Mrs Lefevre and Miss Ridley

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