

Year 2
Curriculum Newsletter
Summer 1 - 2022

In English, we will begin the half term reading 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt. We will use this text as a stimulus to write a persuasive statement about our favourite colour. After our visit to Shrepreth Wildlife Park, we will write a recount of our trip.


Later on in the term, we will use drama to help us retell a story and write our own story based on a film clip.

As part of our Punctuation and Grammar sessions, we will learn how to use apostrophes for possession and about different sentence types.

In R.E., our focus will be on the religion of **Sikhism**, and the children will be exploring the question, **"Naam Karan: What makes a naming ceremony special?"**

We will be finding out about the Sikh naming ceremony and discussing the importance of the Guru Granth Sahib and Gurdwara. We will then be thinking about what is important to a Sikh family, and how this compares to our families.

In **PSHCE** we will be learning about keeping safe. This will include learning about risk and what to do if we need help.



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P.E:

In indoor P.E. this half term, we will be finishing our gymnastics unit called 'Jumping Jacks'. We will be building up to using equipment such as mats, benches and tables. We will then be able to safely explore the gymnastics bars.

In outdoor P.E. with Mr Rogers, we will be practising and applying our multi-skills into a game situation.

Geography: The Seven Continents

We are learning about the "seven continents" of the world: Europe, Antarctica, Africa, Asia, North and South America and Australia. We will locate which hemisphere they are in and the oceans that surround them, before looking at each one in greater detail.

We will use globes, atlases and maps to explore the physical and human features of each continent. We will learn about their climates and how this affects the wildlife that is found there.

Science: Taking Care of the Earth

We are learning about looking after and taking care of our precious planet. We will learn about the Earth's natural resources and how people harvest and use them. We will introduce the concept of renewable and non-renewable resources. We will also think about ways in which we can reduce our impact on the environment, from planting trees to recycling paper. We will promote recycling information and ideas throughout the school.

Art: Paintings of Children

In Art, we will use the group portrait "The Graham Children" by the artist Hogarth, to think about how art can tell us about the past. We will compare these pictures of children from the past to our own childhoods. Using inspiration from the modern artist David Hockney, we will use the media of photography and collage to create our own group portraits in a cubist style.

Maths

Get your clocks ready! We will start the half term learning all about time. By the end of our unit, we hope that the children will be able to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes on an analogue clock. The children will be learning about the number of minutes and hours in a day.

Later on in the term, the children will be learning about mass, capacity and temperature so expect lots of help in the kitchen!

We will continue to learn our times tables, related division facts and number bonds. Please continue to practise these at home.

Reminders

All children need to have their reading book and planner in school every day. Children are expected to read at home a minimum of 5 times a week. This should be recorded in their planners and will be checked by teachers weekly on Monday mornings.

PE kits need to be in school throughout the week. Our outdoor PE lessons are on Tuesday and indoor PE lessons are on Fridays. Please remember to name all of your child's PE kit.

Home Learning

Our home learning this half term will continue to include daily reading, weekly spellings and an activity from our 'Pic and Mix' sheet (stuck into home learning books). We will also set a home learning project related to our geography learning.

Dates for your diary:

27th April – KS1 Trip to Shrepreth Wildlife Park

4th May – KS1 Parent Coffee Afternoon

16th - 20th May – Y2 SATs Week

25th May – Pathfinder's Got Talent

27th May – Platinum Jubilee Celebration (more details TBC)

