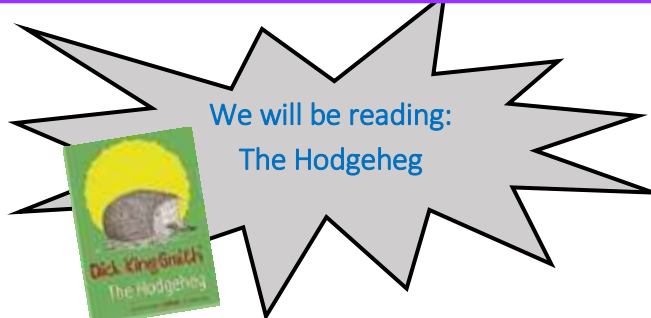


Year 2
Curriculum Newsletter
Spring 2 2022

In English, our Teaching of Reading lessons will focus on studying 'The Hodgeheg' by Dick King Smith. We will be learning new vocabulary from the text as well as practising inference and retrieval of information from the story. In writing, we will look at writing poems about our pets. We will be learning more about the author Dick King Smith and writing in a similar style. We will also learn about newspaper reports and how to write our own newspaper report. We will continue with learning a weekly spelling rule and applying our phonics knowledge for spelling.

In R.E, children will be exploring the question, 'Why does Easter matter to Christians?' We will be exploring the Easter story and thinking about what it means for Christians and what it means for us. We will then be learning about how Christians celebrate Easter in church. On Wednesday 30th March, we will be taking part in a cross-curricular RE and DT day! We will get to research, design, make and evaluate our own Hot Cross Bun recipes. We can't wait to see what the children come up with (and the tasting!)



We will be reading:
The Hodgeheg



P.E:

In indoor P.E. this half term we will be completing a unit called 'Jumping Jacks' in which we will be practising our gymnastic skills of balancing, jumping and moving. In outdoor P.E. with Mr Rogers, we will be learning some new ball skills such as moving with a ball and controlling the ball. We will then be able to put our skills to practise in some basketball games.

History: Discovering history

We are learning what "History" is all about! First, we will find out what a historian is and how they find out about the past. Then we will study the family tree of the Royal Family and think about how family trees represent our own history. We will use a range of historical sources to learn about the life of Mary Seacole and evaluate which sources were the most useful. Finally, we will have the opportunity to look at artefacts to learn about the past and make a comparison with the present.

Science: Animals and their Needs

We are learning about animals. First we will group animals into fish, amphibians, mammals, birds and reptiles. Then we will sort animals according to their diet, using the vocabulary of carnivore, herbivore and omnivore. We will think about how animals can be pets and explore different habitats.

Art: Line

In Art, we will learn about 'line'. We will explore different lines and study the art of Miro and Klee. We will look closely at Klee's landscape drawing *Rock Temple (1925)* before we create our own imaginary landscape in the same style.

In **PSHCE** we will be undertaking a Sex and Relationship unit of work. Please see email sent on the 9th February for more information.

Maths

In maths, we will be learning about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We will make patterns and explore symmetry. Later on in the term, we will learn about fractions. We will learn how to find a half, a quarter and a third before learning about unit and non-unit fractions. Within our lessons, we will incorporate counting in fractions and solving problems. After that, it will be time to get the rulers out! We will measure lengths in cm and mm and compare different lengths.

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 new home learning books seem to have been a success. We will aim to ensure that children bring home their home learning books home every day so they always have access to their spellings. Home learning will continue to be set at the beginning of half term in the form of a table with several activities to choose from. Books will be checked on a Wednesday. Spellings will be tested on a Friday.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day
Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th March – Parents' Evening (*more details to follow*)
Monday 28th March at 7:30PM – KS1 SATS Information Zoom Meeting
Wednesday 30th March – RE/DT Day