

# SPARKS MAY FLY

## MATHS

This half term we will be consolidating our addition and subtraction knowledge, using efficient methods, before moving onto working with multiplication, division and working with money.

We will be applying these skills in our fluency, reasoning and problem solving and using both a practical and mental approach in investigating various strategies. Times tables will form a significant focus for all year groups this term.

## ENGLISH

Alongside work relating to our class book, *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*, the class will be looking at explanation writing through creating information booklets in conjunction with our topic. We will be studying stories by the same author, comparing and then writing innovated versions of their own. We will be continuing to develop descriptive skills with books based on a fantasy theme as well as some seasonal poetry in different forms.

## PHONICS AND READING

This half term Year 2 will be undertaking the Phonics Screening in the final week of November and will be continuing with daily Phonics sessions focussing on recapping all sounds up to and including Phase 5; segmenting and blending words containing them.

We are reading with each child at least once a week and reading as much as possible at home is recommended in order to consolidate progress.

Guided Reading will be taking on a carousel form with each group given an assigned text which will vary in genre. This will combine comprehension exercises, SPaG activities and vocabulary tasks alongside the guided teacher session with each group.

## HANDWRITING AND SPaG

Handwriting will be a continuous focus with practice being encouraged following returned work - with focussed personalised targets. Whole-class handwriting will have daily input with regular input as children become more secure and continue working on joining their writing.

SPaG will be taught as part of English lessons, forming part of the current unit of work, with further focus on new concepts in specific sessions as we encounter them in the curriculum. We are continuing focussing on the basics of sentence writing, making sure capital letters are being used correctly and appropriate punctuation use.

Spellings are now being set on Spelling Shed as well as in Spelling books and all children have been given their login details if they wish to practice online.

## RE AND PSHE

This half term our PSHE and RE will be working in conjunction as we look at God in Christianity - how people behave when they believe in God and what it is that lights our way. The PSHE topic 'Too Much Selfie Isn't Healthy' follows the Heart Smart scheme whereby we will explore how we treat others and how these values relate to Christianity.



## GEOGRAPHY AND SCIENCE

Continuing our geographical enquiries we will be looking warm and cold countries in the world. This will tie-in with the Year 2 Science topic Animals including Humans. We will investigate the effects of climate on human behaviour and animals. We will also be looking at the differences and similarities in human and animal life. Children will use their scientific investigatory skills to record and collate data from their research.

## HISTORY AND SCIENCE

Class 2 will be focussing on the history of electricity which will form the main Year 3/4 science focus. Children will be learning about where electricity was discovered and how they can create their own circuits using the theory they have learnt to connect lights, buzzers and moving parts. They will plan and record their findings in written and diagrammatic guises, writing instructions and reports from their investigations.

## MUSIC

*The Swan*  
from the Carnival of the Animals  
Camille Saint-Saëns

This half term children will be using technology such as Garage Band to incorporate their knowledge of rhythm, pitch and pulse to create electronic soundtracks that will accompany their topic themes and relating to the Carnival of the Animals by Camille Saint-Saëns – a composition which also gives children a good, basic insight into the instruments of the traditional orchestra.

## ART AND DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Class 2 will be combining their science, history and geography topics in these subjects. This will take the form of creating 3D structures and models, using cardboard and clay, with electronic moving parts.

## COMPUTING

Using technology as part of their music project and in recording data from their topic findings, children will access a variety of programmes to enhance their skills. We will also be looking at coding in order to create and 3D print objects. We will also be continuing our work on Internet Safety as we talk about websites and how to use and recognise safe access.

## PE

PE will continue on a Tuesday for our class with our Lancashire Sports Partnership coach. PE kits can remain in school for the duration of the term.

## SPANISH

Our Spanish topic for Autumn 2 will be My Body. We will be learning how to name and talk about parts of our body using songs, games and class activities.

## HELP AT HOME

**HOMEWORK** - Work relating to the learning that has taken place that week, will be set in homework books each Friday and to be returned the following Friday. The work will allow pupils to consolidate what they have learnt and apply this in an independent environment.

**SPELLING** - Spellings will be set in spelling books and on Spelling Shed each Friday to be practised for the weekly Friday Spelling Test.

**TIMES TABLES** - all children now have access to Times Table Rockstars to practise their given tables. A test will be taken each Friday morning to assess their progress.

**LOGINS** - children have all now been given logins relevant to the work they are set. These will allow them a different medium in which to hone their skills at home. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you are missing any of the logins they require.