

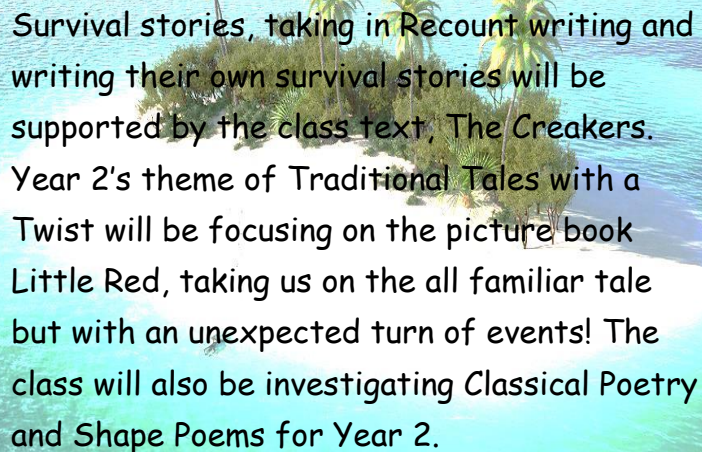


NATURE EXPLORERS

MATHS

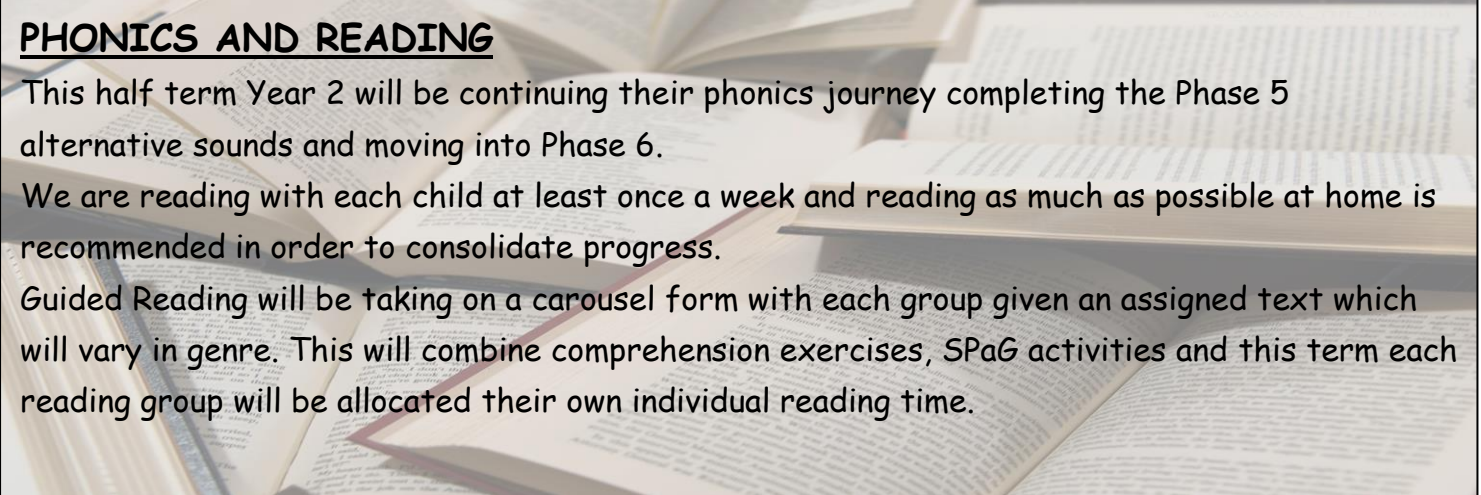
This half term we will be looking at Statistics including tally charts, pictograms and graphs. We will continue to consolidate the topics learnt so far, especially the practice of multiplication, division, subtraction and addition whilst using songs to help us to recap our knowledge of shapes. We will be linking our statistics knowledge to our Science and Geography topics for both creating and interpreting information.

ENGLISH



Survival stories, taking in Recount writing and writing their own survival stories will be supported by the class text, *The Creakers*. Year 2's theme of Traditional Tales with a Twist will be focusing on the picture book *Little Red*, taking us on the all familiar tale but with an unexpected turn of events! The class will also be investigating Classical Poetry and Shape Poems for Year 2.

PHONICS AND READING



This half term Year 2 will be continuing their phonics journey completing the Phase 5 alternative sounds and moving into Phase 6.

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 this term each reading group will be allocated their own individual reading time.

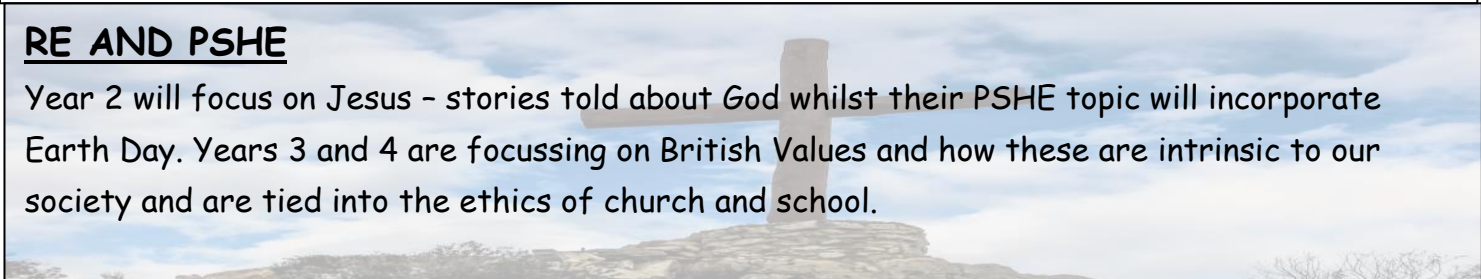
HANDWRITING AND SPaG

Handwriting will be a continuous focus with practice being encouraged following returned work - with focussed personalised targets. Whole-class handwriting will have frequent 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. Alongside continually reinforcing basic sentence structure we will also be looking at apostrophe use, uses of commas and fronted adverbials as well as various suffixes.

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



Year 2 will focus on Jesus - stories told about God whilst their PSHE topic will incorporate Earth Day. Years 3 and 4 are focussing on British Values and how these are intrinsic to our society and are tied into the ethics of church and school.

GEOGRAPHY

This half-term will have a focus on human geography and the effects on the planet. We will be looking at the regions of the Earth including Arctic and Antarctic as well as climate zones relating to the equator, tropics of cancer and Capricorn and latitude and longitude.

SCIENCE

Our science topics for Year 2 and LKS2 will be intertwined; how animals can be grouped in different ways, what they need to survive and how this relates to food chains in the wild. We will be looking at a variety of living things in our local area and wider environment and use different classification keys to sort our findings. This topic will also link onto the Year 2 aspect of Design Technology through designing and recognising healthy meals and what is needed to support a healthy lifestyle. They will be designing and making a packed lunch meal.

MUSIC

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

This half term we will begin incorporating the listening element into our daily routine as a means of promoting wellbeing whilst experiencing a wide variety of different styles of music and giving opinions on these using musical terminology. We are going to apply the basics of music performing by learning how to perform, maintain the tempo without rushing and demonstrating awareness in starting and finishing.

ART AND DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Exploring the work of Albert Duer, Henri Rousseux and Jean Miro, Class 2 will be sketching animals relating to the Science topic in the various styles of these artists. They will then use the recognised patterns in creating print tiles and make 3D junk sculptures.

COMPUTING

Continuing our Internet Safety lessons as part of PSHE this term we will be making sure we are applying this to our lessons. Year 2 will be working on the Multimedia element of the curriculum, taking photos, and understanding how they can be improved by technological manipulation. LKS2 will be looking at branch database and creating these electronically.

PE

PE will continue on a Tuesday and Dance will be this term's subject. PE kits can remain in school for the duration of the term. Forest School will take place on Wednesdays with the groups split between the first half and second half of the term to enable more involved activities. This information will be given to you before the start of the first session. Year 4 have now finished their swimming sessions on a Thursday.

SPANISH

Our Spanish topic for Spring 2 will be The People Around Us. Learning the Spanish alphabet, talking about our family and pets alongside starting to learn to write simple phrases in Spanish.

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.