

English

The year 2 team, are excited to welcome the children back and raring to go with this term's fun learning opportunities! In English, we will be beginning with non-chronological reports, which means they will have an opportunity to explore and discuss these texts and use their research skills to find out about their favourite animals and produce their own reports. We will then look at the use of different sentences we can use in our story writing, such as statements, questions and exclamation sentences. There will be a continued focus on handwriting too!

Maths.

In Maths this half term, we will be focusing on place value of tens and ones. The children will be learning to add to 20 fluently, using resources such as number lines, tens frames and rekenreks. We will be looking at making numbers quickly and seeing what numbers make up others.

Science

In Science this half term, we will be introducing children to the fascinating topic of Animals, including Humans. Children will learn that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. They will find out about the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival and they will be able to describe the importance of exercise for humans, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.

History

In History, we are looking at the topic Civilisation of Mesopotamia. Exploring why civilisation developed in the Fertile Crescent, analyse the importance of the development of writing and Hammurabi's Code and to compare religious worship and daily life with today. The children will learn some new and interesting facts!

Geography

In Geography, we will be focusing on The World – using maps and globes. The children will learn how to use and find different countries on both. They will be able to identify different features of Earth and see how we are connected.

Art

In Art, we are linking the topic with History, are looking at the art techniques and materials during the prehistoric Mesopotamian Art. Children will be using clay, to make a Cuneiform Tablets, using tools to carve and print to decorate. They will be making 3D portraits, also from clay, learning how to manipulate it to create a face. Lastly, we will be creating mosaics. We are sure the children will have lots of fun!

PSHE

At the beginning of the year, we will all discuss our classroom community, creating a kind, safe space, where everyone is respected and has the right to learn. Next, we will be focusing on the topic, Me and My Relationships. This means the children will be recognising their feelings, e.g. What makes them happy? How do we know someone is happy? We will be looking at good friendship behaviours and how to be kind to each other.

Computing

In Computing, the children will be taking part in an exciting topic called Food, Yum, Chefs! They will be learning about internet safety and then they will be developing and exploring their film making skills! They will use the paint program to plan a cooking show and then create their own film!

PE

P.E. will take place on a Tuesday **for both 2MB and 2G**. Please can children come to school in their P.E. kit on this day. This first term, they will be exploring dance and ball skills.

Home learning opportunities:

In year 2, we will be continuing to focus on reading and improving the children's fluency, so please can you read with your child at home. Feel free to write any feedback you have about their reading, in their reading records; we will be checking them regularly. Ten minutes a day (at least) will really have an impact! Thank you. Any questions, please ask Ms Guilder, Mrs Bentley or Mrs McDonagh. We will be happy to help!