



Year 2 Learning

Spring 2

Welcome back! We hope that you had a lovely half term. Our school value focus for this half term is friendship. We are celebrating good examples of showing this value to one another.

This half term we enjoyed an amazing Kapla Day. We also have our visit to Arundel castle. We are looking forward to the annual World Book Day Thursday 7th March and seeing the children dressed up as their favourite book characters. We are planning to spend the day sharing our favourite stories and activities linked to one of our texts for this half term.



Spring Term Topic-Discover

‘How do you protect something you love?’

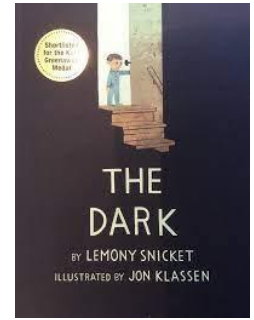
We will be learning about castles:

We will:-

- Create a timeline using some dates and the vocabulary related to the passing of time
- Discuss the effectiveness of sources of information
- Collect and use some relevant material to develop a picture of a past event
- Understand some of the different ways the past can be represented

Our project concepts for this half term are **community, strength, fear, and responsibility**

English Learning



In English, we will be reading “The Dark” by Lemony Snicket.

We will learn:

- How to use a range of vocabulary to enhance descriptive writing
- To use time adverbials at the beginning of their sentences
- To continue practicing using fullstops, capital letters and finger spaces in their sentences

We will then look at the story ‘If I were king’ by Chelsea O’Byrne.

We will learn: How to structure a narrative, focusing on describing words.

We will also be reading: “Pet Dragon” by MP Roberts and “The Dragon Machine” by Helen Ward.

From these stories we will write a recount of events and instructions on how to look after a dragon.

Mathematical Learning



This half term we are continuing to look at:

Multiplication and division

- We are learning how to recognise, make and add equal groups
- We are learning about the multiplication symbol for the first time and using it to write multiplication sentences
- We will look at the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and learn how to divide by these numbers through sharing and grouping

We will learn how to double and half using patterns in numbers

Measurement

- Measuring length in centimetres and metres
- Compare mass in grams and kilograms
- Compare volume and capacity in litres and millilitres

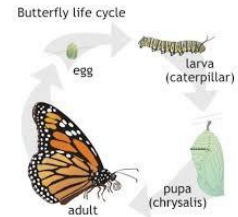
PSHE Learning

We will be finishing off our safety unit by learning about the difference between secrets and surprises, naming body parts and looking at the concept of privacy, focusing on the NSPCC PANTS rule. We will then be starting our local community topic. Learning about rules outside school, caring for the school and local environment and exploring the roles people have within the local community.

Scientific Learning

We are learning about life stages and cycles. We are learning to:

- Identify stages in the life cycles of different animals, including humans
- Describe the basic survival needs of animals
- Explain how to take care of personal hygiene
- Describe some positive effects of exercise
- Identify foods in different food groups



When working scientifically, pupils who are secure will be able to:

- Measure using simple equipment
- Record results in a table
- Use data to answer a simple question
- Research using secondary sources

Music Learning

We will be learning the song *'I want to play in a band'*.

We will learn how to play, improvise, compose and appraise rock songs.



Computing Learning

We will be exploring programming by learning how to recognise and create a loop and use code to follow and create an algorithm. We will then create an animation of an animal moving using the program Scratch Jr.

PE Learning

In outdoor PE, we will be developing children's skills for throwing and catching. In Dance, we will be enjoying keeping fit with Jump Start Jonny and we will be creating a piece which combines different types of movement, working individually and with a partner.



Faith and Wonder Learning

We will be looking at why Easter matters to Christians. We will learn how salvation is part of the "big story" of the Bible and the symbolism of the cross.

How can you help?

- Continuing to read regularly at home to an adult, with lots of discussion about the books.
- Supporting your child with learning their spellings, discussing the meanings of words, putting them into sentences and reviewing spellings from previous weeks.
- Continuing to play Numbots at home.



Dates to be aware of for this half term:

- World Book day: 7th March
- Arundel Castle visit: 28th March 2024

Further dates and information may come out from the Office throughout the half term.



If you have any resources you are happy to loan to us or have any particular knowledge about any of our focuses, please let us know.

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