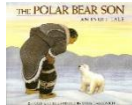


English Learning

This half term we are learning about traditional tales from our temperate climate and different climates around the world, such as *The Polar Bear Son* (an Inuit tale), *What Made Tiddalik Laugh* (an Australian Aboriginal tale) and *The Magic Paintbrush* (a Chinese tale). We are learning to:

- Retell traditional tales in our own words and write our stories inspired by the events in traditional tales;
- Write a letter from a character in a story;
- Create a fact page about an animal from a different climate.



Mathematical Learning

This term we are developing our knowledge of:

- Money – what the coins are worth, counting in pounds and pence
Adding and subtracting money
- Multiplication and division – drawing arrays to explore the relationship between multiplication and division; continuing to improve our recall of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables
- Problem solving – applying our knowledge of different methods when solving problems



PSHE Learning

We will be focusing on how we can recognise our feelings, how we can relax our minds and what a growth mindset is. Then we will be discussing about our changing bodies. We will be distinguishing secrets from surprises, naming body parts and looking at the concept of privacy, focusing on the NSPCC PANTS rule.



Faith and Wonder Learning

We will be learning about Islam and thinking about why Muslims believe that Allah is compassionate and merciful. We will listen to and retell stories about Muhammad, learn about Ramadan and the festival of Eid-al-Fitr.



Scientific Learning

Our topic this half term will be looking after our environment. We will learn about:

- Climate change - how the world is being affected and how we can help to reduce pollution
- Endangered animals - what this means and how we can support agencies who help
- Recycling - how we can reduce, reuse and recycle in school and at home
- Water wise - how we can save water



Art Learning

We will be creating art around our English texts using different mediums and techniques.

Music Learning

Our music topic is 'Exploring Feelings Through Music' and it celebrates a wide range of musical styles focusing on the skills of listening, singing, playing composing and performing.



Computing Learning

This half term we will be learning about programming, how algorithms work and how to debug. Through a range of programs, we will develop an understanding of what algorithms are, how to program them and how they can be developed to be more efficient and introduce them to loops.

PE Learning



In Outdoor PE, we will be learning to throw, hit and catch balls and pass them with greater accuracy. We will be developing our positioning and interception skills in small-group games. In Dance, we will be creating a piece which combines different types of movement, working individually and with a partner around the topic of the rainforest.



How can you help?

- Continuing to listen to your child read regularly, and discuss the book with them afterwards. Please write any quotes which your child says to you about their reading book in their reading diary. Please remember that for every 30 reads, they can get a mini prize in school.
- Supporting your child with learning their spellings, discussing the meanings of words and ways of remembering the spelling patterns.
- Lots of regular practice of their number bonds for 10 and 20 (the 2 numbers which make 10 or 20 e.g. 4+6, 14+6)
- Practice the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. The faster the response, the better!
- Rehearse telling the time to the nearest quarter of an hour (o'clock, half past, quarter past quarter to) on an analogue clock
- Use coins and notes in real situations, practicing counting coins e.g. counting their pocket money or counting out how much they need to buy something using coins or notes.



Events planned for this half term:

Parent's Evening – Tuesday 7th February and Thursday 9th February 2023.
For all other events, please see our newsletters.



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Year 2 Learning

Spring 1

Happy New Year!

We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break and that the children feel refreshed, ready to learn.

This half term, we are focusing on our school value of respect. We are thinking about what this means and how we can demonstrate it towards each other in our home and school environments. We are aiming to improve our ability to work collaboratively and to become more independent in our learning.

Spring Term Topic: Do we always appreciate what we have got?

Amazon Rainforest

We will be learning:

- To name and locate the seas around the World
- To name and locate the countries within the United Kingdom
- To name and locate the continents of the World
- To analyse a geographical source and retrieve information
- To compare places near and far
- Learning to identify human and physical features

