

YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2 2024

Our topic this half term is **Paws, Claws and Whiskers**
Please note that this overview may be subject to change if unforeseen circumstances arise.



ENGLISH	In English, we will read the story of The Hodgeheg. We will then look at the life of Beatrix Potter and some of her famous stories and characters. We will also read some of Aesop's fables and discuss how each of these stories have morals. We will then write our own fable to include a moral. Near the end of the half-term, we will look at some animal poetry and have a go at writing a haiku.
MATHS	In Maths, we will be looking at statistics with a particular focus on block diagrams. We will also be looking at mass, capacity and temperature and developing our knowledge of grams, kilograms, millilitres and litres. Near the end of the half term, we will be focusing on position and direction and discussing rotation and movement of shapes.
SCIENCE	In Science, we will be learning about animals (including humans) and look more in depth at life cycles. The children will investigate what living things need to survive and be healthy. They will also describe the basic needs of living creatures. We will visit Tiggywinkles wildlife hospital as part of our Science unit.
COMPUTING	In our creativity unit, we will be making Google Slides presentations about healthy lifestyles. The children will be manipulating slides, adding content, using animations and transitions. The children will make engaging and visually appealing slideshows, using colours, images, and layouts to enhance their presentations. They will present their slideshows to their peers, gaining confidence and improving their public speaking abilities.
DT	In DT, we will be designing and building our own rod puppets. The children will be selecting appropriate tools, materials, equipment and components to help make their rod puppet as well as creating their own lever mechanism. We will focus on developing a range of cutting, folding and shaping techniques.
GEOGRAPHY	In Geography, we are learning about mapping skills. We will use a compass to follow simple directional instructions. We will use the vocabulary north, east, south and west.
MUSIC	In Music this term, we will be exploring songs that are centred around the social question: How does music teach us about looking after our planet? We will focus on improvising, honing our ensemble singing skills, and developing our confidence using different instruments.
PE	In PE, we are going to get the children ready for sports day as well as taking part in some team building activities and rounders. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and has suncream on.
RE	In RE, we will be focusing on the question: How should you spend your weekend? We will be finding out about the Jewish day of rest Shabbat. We will be exploring the creation story and how it links to Jewish beliefs about Shabbat and time off.
PSHE	In PSHE, we will look at the differences between girls and boys. We will complete our Sex and Relationships lessons during this half-term. Please see a separate letter with more information about this.

WATER BOTTLES: Please send children to school with a clear plastic bottle of water, labelled with their name. This will come home every day to be returned the following morning. Please note that juice is not permitted.

HOMEWORK: We will continue to send the children home with their spellings every Monday to be tested in school the following Monday. Maths and English homework will be posted on Google Classroom (as well as a paper copy sent home) every Friday and will need to be completed by the following Wednesday.

PE: Our PE days are Wednesday and Friday. They will not be able to participate in the sessions without the appropriate clothing.

READING: Please ensure you read each day with your child and record this in their reading diary. Reading books will be changed twice a week, so please make sure books and reading records are always in school as this may not always be on the same day each week.

Diary Dates:

Wednesday 5th June: Summer disco

Friday 14th June: FRIENDS Summer picnic (after school)

Friday 28th June: Sports Day

Tuesday 2nd July: Year 2 trip to Tiggywinkles

Friday 19th July: Break up for Summer at 1pm

Thank you for your continued support.
The Year 2 Team