



Year 2

Wonderful World



English

In English, our learning will centre around the theme *Wonderful World*. Our non-fiction work will be inspired by the book *Dear Earth*, which takes children on a magical journey across the globe. Year 2 will use this as a springboard to create an information leaflet celebrating the amazing features of our world and explaining how we can help protect it. For our fiction writing, the children will explore *A Journey Home*, a story that introduces endangered animals and the challenges they face in their habitats.

In addition, we will continue developing key writing skills, including identifying sounds in words and spelling common tricky words accurately. We will revisit the fundamentals of punctuation—full stops, capital letters, finger spaces, and question marks—while also practising more advanced punctuation such as commas and exclamation marks.

Phonics, Grammar and Spelling

Groups of children will continue reviewing all of Phase 4 and 5 sounds that they have learnt in Year 1 and at the beginning of Year 2. The rest of the children will recap previous phonics learning through English, reading and spelling sessions. The class will be focusing on Grammar lessons where they will be learning how to change root words into plurals using s or es, looking at the 4 types of sentences—commands, exclamations, questions and statements, as well as recapping different punctuation. We will also focus on recognising and spelling the Year 2 tricky words. We will practise reading and writing sentences using expanded noun phrases, as well as joining simple sentences with because, when and if.

Maths

This half term's maths will begin with an opportunity for the children to develop their confidence and skills working with money. The children will use both pounds and pence to make amounts and also find different ways to make the same total. Subtraction and addition skills will come into good use when calculating totals and finding change. Our next unit of work will be multiplication and division, which we will continue after half term. The children will make equal groups and use repeated addition, arrays, and the multiplication symbol to calculate and represent totals. We will continue the daily NCETM Mastering Number program, which will develop our mental maths and fluency skills. Regular revision of previously taught maths skills and knowledge will help to embed learning.

PSHE

We will begin this half term by reminding the children of our class rules and routines and recapping how important ERIC is in our school. We will continue to use the Zones of Regulation to share how we feel and find strategies to help ourselves and others when our feelings change. Alongside this, we will look at our environment, how it is affected by climate change and things that we could do to help to look after our wonderful world. To support our money unit of work in maths, we will be thinking about money in the wider world, including looking at needs versus wants and the concepts of spending and saving. The children will think about people less fortunate than themselves. We will discuss the importance of 'respect' and find things we have in common with our peers and celebrate our differences. We will build on previous learning around 'belonging' and identify different groups within our community and the role we play within them, which links to our learning in RW. As we do every half term, we will continue to focus on the importance of online safety and this half term to particularly consider if everything we see online is true and can be trusted. In the classroom we will continue to use our kindness box, where children can post messages explaining an act of kindness they have received from another child.

Science

The big question in science this half term is, 'Can everything live everywhere?', with a focus on habitats. We will consider the characteristics and basic needs of living things. As we find out about different habitats, we will

learn that a habitat gives a living thing everything it needs. The children will first focus on microhabitats, before moving on to bigger habitats. We hope to make good use of our school garden and encourage more wildlife to live there! Later in the half term, our science work will compliment learning in geography and English when we learn about rainforests, particularly the Amazon Rainforest. The children will find out about this unique habitat and its diversity. We will end this unit of work by identifying threats to rainforests and how, as humans, we can act to protect the natural world.

D.T.

We will continue to improve joining techniques and focus on making a moving rainforest picture. The children will learn how to fold paper to create a box, paint a rainforest scene for the background and add in jungle animals. The moving parts will include sliders, hinges, flaps and pivots.

Art

Using our new scheme of work, *Kapow*, the children will be looking at using primary and secondary colours, colour mixing, and creating textures using different tools. They will also look at collage techniques, how to experiment with materials and evaluate their artistic choices.

By the end of the unit the children will have an understanding of colour, texture, and composition in art.

Computing

This half term, Year 2 will continue to keep themselves safe whilst using the internet and researching facts. They will learn how to use a search bar and know what to type in if they want to find out facts specifically and appropriately children. Through our Computing scheme of work, the children will look at the unit 'Creating Pictures'. Using a variety of programs in PurpleMash, the children will experience techniques to create a variety of art styles and look at specific artists who use these styles e.g. impressionism, pointillism, modernism and art nouveau.

Geography

After last half term's wonderful history learning, we will now switch our focus to geography. This half term, the children will extend their knowledge of contrasting countries by looking at a non-European country and that country is Brazil! The children will find out about the different continents and oceans of the world and learn the significance of the equator, particularly regarding climate and habitats. We will find out more about the country of Brazil, its geography and people. Then, the children will combine their science and geography learning to find out more about the Amazon Rainforest, its importance to the world and how it is under threat.

P.E.

Throughout the half term, Year 2 will be continuing to work on their gymnastic skills. They will do this whilst using bigger apparatus such as the wall bars, benches and stools. They will focus on jumping and balancing techniques to create routines with a partner. The year 2 children will also create dances and explore different levels and movements through dance. They have 2 units, 'The Secret Garden' and 'The Rainforest'. Regular yoga sessions will continue to help to develop their flexibility, strength and relaxation techniques.

R.W. (Religion and World Views)

The big question this half term is 'How do Christians belong to their faith family?', with a focus on Christianity. The children will share and explore the feeling of belonging and how it feels to be part of a special group. The children will find out about the Christian baptisms and its symbols. The children will have the opportunity to represent their learning through art and design.

Music

In Music, we will be learning a 'Grandma Rap' and representing sounds using symbols, shapes or marks. The children will use voices expressively and creatively, exploring pitch, duration and timbre. Year 2 will also practise keeping a steady beat. As an extra special lesson, the children will explore Inuit singing and have a go at creating their own Inuit sounds!