

Spring Term One - Year 2

Smoke Signals to Smart Phones and Wild Worlds: Habitats in Motion.



English

In English, we begin the term reading the text **Monstersaurus** by **Claire Freedman and Ben Cort**. We will predict and write a character description to describe Monstersaurus using expanded noun phrases. Using the text, **The Barnabus Project** by the **Fans brothers** as our stimulus, we will create our own failed characters and write an adventure narrative. We will then explore the text **Flat Stanley** by **Jeff Brown**. We will write postcards about the adventures we go on when we are flat just like Stanley!



We are reading...

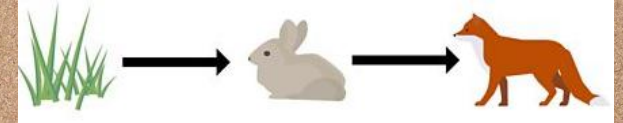


Maths

In Maths we will be learning about shape then moving onto multiplication and division. This involves recognising equal groups, introducing the multiplication symbol and multiplication sentences, using arrays, grouping and sharing. We will be looking at the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Learning about odd and even numbers and dividing by 2, 5 and 10.

Science

This half term we will be looking at living things and their habitats. We will be learning about polar, desert, ocean and woodland habitats. We will be learning about microhabitats. We will also look at diet and food chains.



ART and DT

In design technology, we will be looking at mechanisms. We will then use our knowledge of mechanisms to design and make our own moving animals.



In Spring 2, we will use the text, **The Koala Who Could** by **Rachel Bright and Jim Field** to research and collect interesting facts to make a non-chronological report about Koalas. We will then end the term with **Lila and the secret rain** by **David Conway and Judy Daly** to explore the characters and different cultures within the text



History

Our History topic is called 'Smoke Signals to Smart Phones' and explores the developments and progress in communication throughout history. We will look at inventors such as: Samuel Morse, Alexander Graham Bell and Tim Burners-Lee. We will create a timeline of developments and explore how communication has moved on from cave drawings and conversations to allow international communication at the tap of a button!

PE

In our indoor P.E, we continue to develop our gymnastic skills and use apparatus. Children will work on their rolling, jumping, balancing and travelling. They will work individually and in combination to create short sequences and movement phrases.

In outdoor P.E, our focus is Target Games. Children will develop their understanding of the defending and attacking. They will develop the skills of throwing, rolling and striking towards a target. Please remember to have suitable clothes for outdoor P.E now the weather is colder. Thank you.

Music

In music we will look at **Grandma's Rap** where we will learn about duration including: crotchet, quavers and crotchet rest. We will also learn about what unison means and what a round is.



PSHCE

This term our focus is; Dreams and Goals. We will be achieving realistic goals, learning about perseverance, thinking about our strengths, learning with others, co-operating and how we can contribute to and share.

Computing

This half term we are looking at digital photography. We will look at taking photos and explore what makes a good photograph. We will look at landscape or portrait, lighting and effects. We will also explore what is real in photographs and what may have been digitally enhanced/altered.

How to help at home

Please read with your child for 10 minutes every evening – this really helps their fluency and comprehension.

Phonics homework will be posted every week with weekly CEW focus words.

Numbots is a fantastic tool to support children's mathematical understanding of number.