

A Village on Stilts

Welcome back; we hope you all had a fantastic holiday. This half term we will be looking at Kampong Ayer in Brunei. Kampong Ayer is the world's largest water village made entirely out of wooden walkways and stilt houses.

Literacy

This half term we will be looking at stories from other cultures, using the Grace stories by Mary Hoffman. We will be writing character descriptions, letters and stories using information gathered from the stories. In guided reading we will compare these stories to enable us to make predictions and spot similarities and differences.

We will finish the half term reading 'We are going on a lion hunt' by David Axtell. We will write our own version based on what we have learnt about Kampong Ayer.

In SPAG, we will be looking at possessive apostrophes and spelling using different suffixes, for example - ment, ness and ly.

Science

Our Science topic is plants. Here we will observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. We will also find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.

Numeracy

We will start this half term learning how to tell the time. We will start by looking at quarter to and past and move on to 5minute intervals.

We will then look at reading scales using temperature and capacity.

After this we will revisit the four operations.

Please continue to practise your times tables.

We will be focussing on our 5X tables this term.

Geography

Our main focus in our topic work will be on learning about the human and physical features of Kampong Ayer. We will compare life in Irlam to life in Kampong Ayer, thinking about weather, homes and school.

PSHE

In PSHE we will look at the ways people are similar and different. Our British Values work will look at tolerance and respect for others.

Creative

We will be making our own stilt houses in Design and Technology.

In Music, we will listen to music from the area and experiment with creating, selecting and combining sounds.

In Art, we will use a variety of techniques including carbon printing, relief, press/ fabric printing and rubbings.

Please note that SATs will commence week beginning Monday 15th May.

Our sharing assembly will be Wednesday 17th May, at 2.30pm, in the hall.

Useful websites

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/zxxsyrd>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Please come and see us if you have any queries.

The Year 2 team