

Explorers in the Great Outdoors

Year 2 – Terms 1 and 2

Mathematics

We will be

Counting in 1s from 0-100 and back.
Counting in 2s, 10s, and 5s to 100 and back.
Partitioning and representing 2 digit numbers.
Counting amounts of money to £1 and finding change for totals up to 50p.
Sharing and dividing even amounts into equal groups up to 100.
Counting in equal groups and introducing multiplication.
Learning and reciting our 2, 10, and 5 times tables.

PSHE

We will be:

Discussing and following our whole school rules, the Coalway Bees.
Discussing the topic 'All About Me' and what makes each of us important and valued.
Learning how to keep safe online.
Learning about children's rights and responsibilities.
Learning about being kind and the importance of anti-bullying.

PE

We will be:

Developing and sustaining our stamina, fitness and co-ordination through gymnastics using the floor and small apparatus alongside daily Coalway Blast sessions (Go Noodle).
Creating dances using our theme of animals around the world as a starting point.

Science

We will be:

Investigating the variation in the animal kingdom by focussing on animals from different regions.
Finding out about the habitats, life cycles and diet of Minibeasts and other animals around the world.
'Bringing up' a butterfly as an experience in the study of life cycles.
Investigating simple food chains.
Finding out what plants need to grow and flourish.
Going on bug hunts around the school grounds.

English

Phonics - We will be revising the Phonic Phases 3,4 and 5. This term we will be learning prefixes/suffixes and applying these to our own spelling.

Reading - We will be reading a variety of stories, poems and information texts with an animal theme. We will be using these texts to develop our comprehension skills.

Writing - We will be consolidating our knowledge of sentence writing such as capital letters, finger spaces, full stops and joining sentences with a conjunction. We will be writing poems, riddles, fact sheets and stories related to our topic. We will be learning how to write instructions and letters. Throughout our work, handwriting, correct use of punctuation and presentation will be an important focus.

Spoken Language - We will be reciting poems, stories and preparing presentations for others. We will pose questions and tell our own imaginary stories using expression and gestures.

Computing

We will be:

Discussing the importance of Internet safety.
Programming using Bee-Bots and Purple Mash.
Using I-pads to create our own charts and graphs (data handling).
Using Pic-collage to create our own Minibeast posters.

Geography

We will be:

Developing our mapping skills and using simple keys to make maps portraying areas in our school grounds and local area.
Using atlases/Internet to look at places in the UK and compare them to different locations around the world.
Learning about different areas around the world and comparing and contrasting them with our local area. (Rainforests/Arctic)

Music

We will be:

Exploring pulse, rhythm, pitch and dynamics through the use of tuned and un-tuned instruments.
Listening to a variety of seasonal songs for Harvest and Christmas.

History

We will be:

Using a variety of sources to find out about significant events such as The Gunpowder Plot, The Great Fire of London and Remembrance Day.
Finding out about the famous Polar explorer Robert Scott.

RE

We will be:

Looking at the importance of Harvest celebrations.
Retelling stories from the Bible, identifying how Christians believe Jesus brings good news.
Recognising why Christmas matters to Christians.

Art and Design

We will be:

Experimenting with different painting techniques and materials to produce pictures.
Working on improving our drawing skills through careful observation.
Looking at the work of Pablo Picasso to produce our own cubist masterpieces.

Design and Technology

We will be:

Designing and making an animal bag or pencil case.
Learning a simple way of stitching to join fabric.
Evaluating our work to suggest improvements.

You can help your child by...

- * Logging on to Bug Club to support your child in the reading of their allocated reading books.
- * Helping them with spellings.
- * Helping them to memorise the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.
- * Asking them to tell you what they have been learning in school and helping them to look for information on the internet and in books.
- * Encouraging them to do little jobs around the house to promote their independence.
- * Log in to Purple Mash to access a variety of activities for your child to do at home.