

# Year Two Curriculum Newsletter

Summer Term 2021



Welcome back to school and our final term in Year Two! It has been an unusual year but I have continued to be amazed by the resilience and enthusiasm shown by the children throughout all the challenges they have faced. Many thanks to everyone for your continued support at home and the dedication you have shown to your children's learning.

Ms Woodhouse, Ms O'Grady and Ms Akdogan.

## English

We are beginning this half term with work on Roald Dahl's book 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. We will be exploring a range of writing styles including diaries, instructions and narratives. We will also be reading Michael Morpurgo's 'The Rainbow Bear' and producing writing in response including poetry.

There will be a focus on developing reading and comprehension skills and we discuss books that we have read in class. Children will be encouraged to express opinions, answering and asking questions, exploring new vocabulary and making predictions and inferences.

## Maths

Topics we are covering this term are: measurement (length and height), Geometry (position and direction), time, mass and capacity. We will also be spending time consolidating learning from earlier in the year including place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We continue to have weekly mental maths assessments which cover a wide range of topics as well as daily 'flashback' questions to revisit and revise previous learning.

## RE

This term we are learning about Pentecost and Reconciliation as well as a universal church topic through CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development). The other religion we are learning about this term is Buddhism.

## History

In the second half of the term we will be learning about changes to peoples lives in recent history. We will be looking at different aspects of life including toys, food and school life.

## Science

Our science topic is living things and their habitats. As part of this topic we will have lots of opportunities for hands on learning as we explore our school grounds as well as learning about habitats and animals from around the globe.

## Computing

We will be learning how to use the internet for effective searching as part of our science, history and art lessons. We will continue to develop our understanding of online safety.

## Art/Design & Technology

We will be exploring the art of Georgia O'Keeffe as part of our science topic as well as getting outside for some observational drawings of animals, plants and habitats around the school. We will also be designing our own bird boxes and insect hotels.

## PE

This half-term, PE has changed to Tuesday. It will resume to Wednesday after the half-term holiday.

Monday	Home learning to be handed in and reading books returned.
Tuesday	Music with Miss Dyer. PE with Mr James (first half-term)
Wednesday	PE with Mr James (second half-term) New reading books sent home.
Thursday	
Friday	Spelling test. New home learning given out. New spellings sent home.