Year 2

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Reading stimulus

Within English, we shall be focusing on texts by Carol Ann Duffy. The texts include, 'The Lost Happy Endings 'and 'The Tear Thief'. These texts will give us lots of opportunities for inspiration for our creative writing as well as non-fiction genres. We will continue to use the 'Talk for Writing' strategies to plan and recite a story in order to write it.

In addition, we will be using high-quality, challenging punctuation including adjectives, nouns, verbs, adverbials for time, place and manner and similes.

All children will be receiving one hour a day phonics and reading to help increase sound knowledge, spelling, reading comprehension, fluency and authors voice.

A new spellings programme will be introduced this term using spelling patterns, high frequency words and common exception words.

Maths

In Mathematics we will be developing our arithmetic skills to answer questions using addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and fractions. We will look at number bonds and patterns to help answer questions quickly. We will also study money, data handling, shapes, measures and also answering word problems.

Please encourage your child to learn the 10, 5, 2, 3, 4 and 6-times tables.

We encourage the use of Numbots at home accessed at: <u>https://numbots.com/</u> along with the use of TTRockstars accessed at: <u>https://ttrockstars.com/</u>

Science

In Science we are focusing on Living Things and their Habitats. We will also be looking at living things in different environments. Activities and experiments will include bug hunting, categorising creatures and creating bug hotels. A lot of our work will be completed outside in our school environment.

Geography / History

In Geography, children will be developing their knowledge of the seven wonders of the world. They will be using globes, maps and Google Earth to help find out about each wonder. Children will be discussing different places and comparing them. We will also look at the continents.

In History, children will be developing their knowledge about the Great Fire of London and will learn about how it started and the impact it had on London. We will compare London from past to the present and state the similarities and differences.

R.E.

In R.E. the children will focus special stories for Muslims. We will read a variety of stories and find out why they are important. We will answer questions to find out information and look at sacred books for Christians, Sikhs and Muslims. Children will be able to share their own religious beliefs in class.

Art

In Art, the stimulus is The Tin Forest by the Artist, Henri Rousseau.

Art will be created using the environment and outside materials. Materials from trees and plants will help us create paintings and art work and we will build a class piece of work in the style of Henri Rousseau. Children will explore colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space.

Design Technology

In DT, we will be focusing on moving vehicles. Children will design, make and evaluate a vehicle with axles. We will work in pairs to test a variety of materials to choose the best for the job.

Children will test their vehicles and photos will be uploaded to the website for you to see.

PE sessions shall be on Monday afternoons and will develop invasion game skills working with the Albion Foundation. Children will also develop their athletic skills. PE will be outside (weather permitting) so please ensure your child has an outdoor PE kit left in school.

Please can you ensure that all earrings and jewellery are removed for this session.

Music

Music will be delivered by the scheme Kapow. This includes listening to pieces of music, learning songs and performing them. Children will use a variety of instruments to help keep a steady beat. Music will also be created to represent the outside environment.

Computing

This term, Year 2 will be developing basic algorithms to give instructions and program the bee-bots and other floor technology. Children will think about the instructions using forwards, backwards, turn right or left. Laptops will be used to support a variety of curriculum areas and E-safety elements will be considered throughout the whole curriculum

Jigsaw

The values for this term are Co-operation and Gratitude. Children will learn about the importance of gratitude and why we should be grateful. Co-operation skills are important in all parts of our school day. Our Jigsaw sessions will look at different relationships and our emotions. Promoting our school values is a high priority in class.

Please continue to read books, practise spellings, words and sounds and learn the times tables.

Thank you for your support throughout this year.

Mrs Williams

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