



## Moorlands Primary School – Curriculum Newsletter

Year 2

Summer Term

### 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 hands-on inspiration for our creative writing as well as non-fiction genres.

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

### Maths

In Mathematics we will be developing our arithmetic skills to answer questions using addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and fractions. We will look at time, money, data handling, shapes, measures and also answering word problems. **Please encourage your child to learn the 10, 5, 2, 3- and 4-times tables.**

### Science

In Science we are focusing on "Growing and planting" and Living Things" Children will be planting bulbs and seeds and watching them grow over time. We will explore what plants need in order to stay alive and healthy. A Year 2 garden will be created and the children will be responsible for looking after it.

We will also be looking and living things in their environment. Activities and experiments will include bug hunting, categorising creatures and naming the features.

### Geography / History

In Geography, children will be developing their knowledge of why it is hot in the Equator and cold at the North and South Pole? We will be thinking about the continents and the seas. We will also compare Wednesbury to other European countries.

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 on two religions. Firstly sikhism, learning about the 5 K's and also Special stories for Muslims.

We will answer questions to find out information. What can we learn? How and why are some books Holy?

Sacred words for Sikhs, Muslims and Christians.

### Art

In Art, Stimulus – The Tin Forest, the Artist – Henri Rousseau

Art will be using the environment and working outside. The trees and plants will help us create paintings and art work.

### Design Technology

In DT, we will be creating Structures – to design and make a house from the Great fire of London. We will think about designing, making and evaluating a piece of work.

The Architect – Christopher Wren will be studied to see how he created the Cathedral.

### P.E.

PE sessions shall be on Thursday afternoons and will develop invasion game skills working with the Albion Foundation. Children will also develop their athletic skills. **Please can you ensure that all earrings and jewellery are removed for this session.**

### Music

Music will be delivered by Sandwell's Music services. The children will learn about rhythm and

keeping a beat using Djembe drums. Performances will be recorded for you to see.

### **Computing**

This term, Year 2 will be developing effective photography skills before developing sequencing coding skills through the use of Scratch Junior in preparation for the use of Scratch in Key Stage 2. E-safety elements will be considered throughout the whole curriculum

### **Jigsaw**

The value for this term is Equality. Children will learn about the importance of tolerance and treating others fairly. Our Jigsaw sessions will look at different relationships and our emotions.