

Spring 2024 – What are we learning this half term?

English

Meerkat Mail

Our English unit this half term links with our Geography topic: 'From Yorkshire To India'. Children will start the unit by creating fictional adventure narratives based on India which are inspired by the book *Meerkat Mail*. For the non-fiction focus, children will create travel brochures and explore persuasive language. Children will then create cinquain poems, for both Yorkshire and India and compare these.

Maths

Money

Year 2's will start the Spring term learning about money. They will count and compare money and complete two-step problems to find change.

Multiplication and division

Year 3 and year 4 will start the Spring term on multiplication and division, whilst year 2's will move onto this after money.

Length and perimeter

Year 3 and year 4 will explore what length means, including how to measure in different units and compare lengths. This knowledge will be applied to understanding perimeter and how to measure and calculate it.

Science

Living things and their habitats

In this unit, year 2 will explore the difference between things that are living and dead, identify and name a variety of habitats and how they are suited to living things and explore a simple food chain.

Light

Year 3 and Year 4 will learn how light is needed to see things in the dark, understand how light reflects from surfaces and recognise how shadows are formed.

PSHE

Dreams and Goals

Class 2 will explore what 'dreams and goals' are and discuss how we can work together to achieve these.

Meet the Team

Miss Yeomans – Class Teacher
Mrs Parris– HLTA
Mrs Hunt– TA / Pastoral Support Worker

Christian Value: Thankfulness

RE

Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?

Pupils will combine their knowledge from autumn term, with new knowledge about what a Muslim believes.

What does it mean to be Hindu in Britain today?

Pupils will begin to draw on their understanding of religion and faith in other communities and compare this with new knowledge.

Geography and Design Technology

From Yorkshire to India, and back again.

Children will explore the human and physical geography of Yorkshire and India and compare these two areas. This includes exploring continents, weather patterns and using fieldwork to observe, measure and record the human and physical features. In DT, children will investigate pulleys and levers to create flood defences.

Homework

Homework (paper copy) will be set weekly and due back on the following Thursday. All year groups will receive a mixture of Maths, English, Reading, spelling and Multiplication homework.

Computing

Touch Typing

Children will become familiar with typing terminology, understand the correct way to sit at the keyboard and learn how to use the home, top and bottom row keys.

Physical Education

Dance – Space themed

The focus of the learning is to explore movement through improvisation, introducing unison and matching. Pupils will sustain their characters to add drama and emotion to the dance. **PE will be on Tuesdays – please can children arrive at school in their PE kits.**

Orienteering festival (KS2) Thursday 25th January 12:30 - 2:30pm.

High 5's Netball (KS2) Thursday 8th February 12:30 - 2:30pm.

French and SPaG

Je peux... (I Am Able...)

In this unit pupils will learn 10 familiar activities that they are able or are not able to do in French. This unit introduces the negative form, allowing the children to build more interesting and complex sentences.

SPaG

During this time, Year 2 will partake in additional SPaG lessons.

Music

'Just three notes'

Class 2 will make their own music inspired by 20th-century American musical movement called minimalism.

Samba with Sergio

This unit explores call-and-response through word rhythms, and body and vocal percussion.