Curriculum Newsletter

Year Two – Autumn Term Two

Core Subjects

English

Writing: The children will undertake two units of work: instructional writing and descriptive writing. The first half of the term, the children will be reading *'How to Make friends with a Ghost'* where they will be writing a fact file and instructions of how to be a good friend. The second part of the term, the children will be watching a video clip of an adventure scene where they will be using expanded noun phrases and similes to create a descriptive writing piece linked to the story.

Reading: During reading comprehension sessions, the children will engage with both fiction and non-fiction texts. They will develop skills in vocabulary, retrieval, inference, sequencing and summarising.

Maths

This half term, the children will be starting with a focus on position and direction looking at compass points and left and right. We will then look at the 10 times table before moving onto fractions where we will identify a half, quarter and three quarters of a shape and a quantity. The learning will then focus on time where we will be looking at quarter past and quarter to times. We will then finish the half term with learning focusing on place value and addition and subtraction where the children will be working with 2-digit numbers and problems involving money.

Science

During this half term, the children will explore a range of materials through investigations and explorations. They will work on ways to test materials for elasticity and flexibility and find out which paper is the strongest. They will work in small groups to design and make a paper bridge to hold a toy car.

Non- Core Subjects

Project: African Art – *Art and Geography Subject Focus*

In this project, the children will be learning about the physical and human features of Kenya and comparing it to those of the UK. They will then explore African art through the use of colour, drawing techniques and studying the work of artist John Ndambo. They will then use these skills to create sunset and silhouette pictures.

Project: Celebrations

The run up to Christmas the children will be taking part in lots of Christmas activities.

Computing

This half term, the children will learn to recognise that different devices can be used to capture photographs and will gain experience capturing, editing, and improving photos. Finally, they will use this knowledge to recognise that images they see may not be real.

Physical Education (PE)

Dance: The children will explore and respond to music as a stimulus using a theme of water. Using various dynamics and movement qualities, pupils will be able to use descriptive language to discuss these various movement qualities.

Dodging: The children will be developing their dodging skills, understanding when, why and how to dodge and applying these skills in games.

Religious Education (RE): (Light and Dark)

This half term the children will be taught the importance of light to many in Christianity, Hinduism and Judaism through learning about Advent, Christmas, Diwali and Hanukkah. Children will learn how and why light can be important to each festival through practicing in lots of practical and creative activities.

Music

Across the course of the half term, the children will participate in a Ho, Ho, Ho unit. A fun, festive unit to get them in the spirit of Christmas, the children will be listening, appraising and performing the song. This song includes rapping and improvising from Christmas.

The children will also be learning and rehearsing songs for our KS1 Christmas concert!

Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE)

This half term, this unit is designed to help children recognise, talk about and accept their feelings, both positive and negative, as well as how to manage certain emotions. The lessons support themes of thinking positively and calmly, making good decisions and developing resilience. It also encourages the children to explore the positive feelings associated with being thankful, grateful and mindful