



Year Two Curriculum News

Autumn Term

This term our topic is 'The World around us!' and we are very excited to be learning about a range of different habitats and animals from all around the world, as well as local animals. We will consider the impact humans have had on the world around us and learn about a famous woman from the past who impacted our daily lives. We will be also building up on the knowledge and skills gained in Year 1.

Literacy

We will be developing our comprehension skills in reading by continuing to answer a range of questions. This term is all about traditional tale of Little Red Riding Hood. But is the whole story true? We will look at the wolf's perspective of the events!

We will be writing a range of different genres including information texts, narrative, poetry and instructions, linking to our developed knowledge of the story and characters.

We will also be developing our cursive handwriting style, starting to join blends where possible.

Our punctuation focus will be:

- Using full stops, capital letters, question marks and exclamation marks correctly.

At home you could:

- Read on a daily basis, asking questions to clarify understanding.
- Discuss spelling patterns in words found in reading books.
- Practise KS1 spellings (these are included in the homework menu and should be practiced weekly)

Numeracy

We will be learning about:

- Place Value
The children will continue learning about tens and ones (as pictorial representations and written numbers). They will compare numbers, match pictures to numbers and problem solve.
- Addition and Subtraction
The children will look at methods that can be used for addition and subtraction and put this into a problem solving context.
- Money
The children will build up on Year 1 knowldegde of coins and notes used in the UK, calculate totals, change and match amounts.
- Multiplication and Division
The children will look at simple repeated addition methods to understand multiplication and division. This will continue into Spring Term.

At home you could:

- Visit Purple Mash or DB Primary to play different number games.
- Practise number bonds to 10 then 20.
- Go through methods from our calculation policy.

Our Maths scheme of work

We are using White Rose Maths across the school in order to deepen children's understanding of different concepts and develop their mathematical reasoning skills. You may have seen some of the White Rose videos and resources on DB Primary throughout our home learning.

Please visit the White Rose website

(<https://whiterosemaths.com/resources/primary-resources/primary-sols/>)

or read our calculation policy on the school website to find out more about how we are teaching different methods in different year groups!

Science

We will be learning about:

- Living things and their habitats – what creatures and plants live where and why?
- Animals including humans – what are the similarities and differences? What do different animals need in order to survive?

At home you could:

- Search for appropriate videos about habitats and animals.
- Watch child-friendly shows on TV about animals and their habitats.
- Visit the Natural History Museum

Computing

We will be learning about:

- Using DB Primary to develop a basic understanding of social networking and e-safety. Our focus will be on e-communication (blogs, emails, etc.)
- How to increase speed when typing.

At home you could:

- Visit your class DB Primary page for a range of fun games or to write/edit their own blog.

Geography

We will be:

- Learning about the differences between cities, countries and continents.
- Using an atlas to find different places.
- Learning about the wildlife and landmarks in different continents.

At home you could:

- Look at an atlas to learn where different places are.

Art

We will be:

- Creating animal sketches and collages.

At home you could:

- Practise drawing by following tutorials on YouTube.
- Visit an art gallery in London to look at different styles of art.

Music

We will be:

- Learning new terminology and techniques.
- Understanding the parts that make up a song.

At home you could:

- Encourage your child to learn lyrics to songs, when the time comes!

History

We will be learning about:

- The impact Florence Nightingale had on the Crimean War and modern day nursing.
- Ordering historical events and understanding chronology.

At home you could:

- Use books and the internet to find out more about Florence Nightingale's life.
- Learn about other nurses who worked in Crimea, including Mary Seacole.

RE

We will be learning about:

- Some Jewish festivals and how Jews celebrate, comparing to ways in which we celebrate
- St Matthew
- The importance of light at Christmas time

At home you could:

- Read child-friendly non-fiction books about Judaism.

PE

We will be using Get Set PE scheme. The children will start with fundamentals and dance in Autumn 1 and Gymnastics in Autumn 2

At home you could:

- Visit the park and play team games.
- Encourage physical activity (such as biking, swimming, tennis and football) outside of school.

