

In English we will be exploring ...

Lila and the Secret of Rain by David Conway, the story of a young girl who tries to save her village from the terrible drought. We will be writing a setting description, diary entry in role as Lila, retelling the story from Lila's perspective, writing rain songs and writing our own version of the story. We will be learning about using varied vocabulary and writing noun phrases. We will continue to use different punctuation, including apostrophes for contractions and possession and a variety of conjunctions (but, because, so, if, when, or) in our writing. We will be continuing to focus on spelling words using the suffixes -ful, -ment, -ness, -ly. In Phonics, we will be learning the Phase 6 alternative graphemes.



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Year 2 Newsletter Summer Term 1 2024

Welcome back to a new term! We hope you had a lovely Easter holiday. We can't wait for all of the exciting things we have planned for this term.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Hardstone, Mrs Ingrey, Miss Nelson,
Mrs De Souza, Mrs Fenner and Mr Olarewaju

Home Learning



Home Learning Jigsaw- The jigsaw has been uploaded to PurpleMash. Please choose one activity to complete each week and upload it to PurpleMash. Children can complete the activities directly on PurpleMash or in their green books and share a photograph.

Spelling Home Learning- The weekly activity is based on that week's phonics learning. The activity will be set on PurpleMash every Friday. Please complete the activity and upload it by Wednesday.

Mathletics- Please log in and complete the assigned activities which are based on learning from the current maths unit. The activities will be set throughout the half term.

Reading- Children should be reading at least three times a week, but little and often is best. Please talk to your child about what they have read to support their comprehension skills.

Please record any reading in the Home Reading Journal.

Useful websites

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years>

Karate Cats English and Maths -

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary-games>

Google Maps or OS Maps on Microsoft Bing Maps

Important Dates

Tuesday 23rd April – Friday 26th April – Computing Café

Friday 10th May - Umbrella Project Fund Raising Day

Friday 3rd May – Penguins Family Assembly

Thursday 23rd May – Maths Calculation Event

Friday 24th May – Penguins Family Assembly

Half term

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

As mathematicians, we will be...

- Recapping how to tell the time to the hour and half past the hour
- Learning quarter past and quarter to the hour
- Telling the time to 5 minutes intervals, both past and to the hour
- Understanding that there are 60 minutes in a hour and applying this to solve problems
- Exploring the number of hours in a day
- Focussing on measuring lengths and heights using a ruler, metre sticks and tape measures
- Comparing and ordering the length and heights of objects

Year 2 Key Information

- Please ensure PE kits are worn to school on PE days. Year 2 will have PE with Coach Alhaji on Mondays and their class teachers on Thursdays. No earrings should be worn on PE days.
- Please keep toys at home and limit bookbag keyrings to just one small, silent keyring!
- Please remember to bring a named water bottle every day which can be refilled during the day.

How can you help at home?

- Encourage your child to read the time on an analogue clock to o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past the hour and talk about the time of day.
- Encourage children to use measuring equipment at home such as, rulers, weighing scales and measuring jugs to secure their knowledge of reading different scales and becoming familiar with different units of measurement ie. cm, m, g, kg, ml and l.
- When walking around the local area, discuss the different human and physical features and even use a map to navigate short routes!

In Science we will.....

- Continue with our unit: Investigating Living Things
- Make observations of local microhabitats and the creatures that live there
- Understand how living things adapt to their habitat
- Describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals

In Geography we will.....

- Identify human and physical features in our local area
- Use OS maps and aerial photographs to gather information about our local area
- Create our own maps of the local area including a simple key
- Follow a route on a map to move around the local area
- Carry out fieldwork to observe the local area and answer a geographical question

In RE we will

- Explore the question: How important is it for Jewish people to do what God tells them to do?
- Learn about the significance of Passover
- Learn about how Passover is celebrated and the items on a Seder plate

Year 2

Wider Curriculum

Summer 1

In Music we will ...

- Take part in music technology and instrumental lessons with Mrs Fathers, our music specialist teacher from Bromley Youth Music Trust

In PE we will

- Work with Coach Alhaji on making it difficult for opponents to score points and to choose specific tactics in team games
- Develop power, agility, coordination and balance
- Negotiate obstacles showing increased control

In Computing we will ...

- Learn about data handling tools that can give more information than pictograms
- Use yes/no questions to separate information
- Construct a binary tree to identify items

In Art we will.....

- Learn about 2 textiles techniques, weaving and wax-resist dyeing
- Weave paper and other materials to create under the sea placemats
- Learn about the use of traditional batik in Indonesia and around the world before designing and making our own batik coasters using wax-resist sticks and dye.