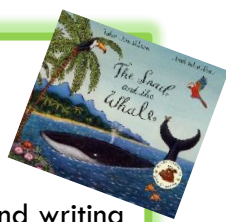


In English we will ...

Explore the much-loved story, 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson. We will be writing setting descriptions, our own version of the story and writing and recording eyewitness accounts. We will continue to focus on using varied vocabulary, including writing noun phrases and spelling words with the suffixes – ful, -ment, -less, -ness, -ly. 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.

In Reading, we will be beginning Class Reading lessons. We will be reading the book 'Claude and the City' Alex T. Smith and developing our key reading skills using VIPERS.



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Year 2 Newsletter Summer Term 2 2024

Welcome back to the final weeks of Year 2. We have lots of exciting learning planned for this term but will also begin to think about the move to Key Stage 2 next year.

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 Reading Journal.**

Useful websites

Hit the Button – Times Tables

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

Karate Cats English and Maths -

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

As mathematicians we will ...

- Measure in grams and kilograms
- Compare capacity and volume
- Measure in millilitres and litres
- Learn about temperature, thermometers and the unit "degrees Celsius", written °C
- Describe movements and turns
- Draw and interpret pictograms

How can you help at home?

- Please use any opportunities to practise quickly recalling 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables. It is important that all children can quickly recall these times tables ready for Year 3!
- Practise telling the time to the nearest five minutes on an analogue clock e.g. 20 past 4, 5 to 11.
- When your child is writing, please ensure they are joining their letters and remind them to form their letters correctly and check they are a consistent size.
- Encourage children to use measuring equipment at home such as, weighing scales, measuring jugs and thermometers to secure their knowledge of reading different scales and units of measurement ie. g, kg, ml, l and °C.
- Look out for and discuss any blue plaques or monuments to local, significant people!

Year 2 Key Information

- Please ensure PE kits are worn to school on PE days. Year 2 have PE with Coach Alhaji on Mondays and Hockey on a Friday. No earrings should be worn on PE days.
- Please 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.
- As the weather improves, please remember to send your child to school wearing sunscreen and with a sun hat.

In Science we will.....

- Continue our unit of learning: Plants.
- Learn about plants we can and can't eat.
- Set up a comparative experiment to observe what plants need to grow healthily.
- Observe how seeds grow into mature plants by planting our own seeds.
- Understand the life cycle of plants.

In History we will.....

- Explore the question: How do we know about the significant people from our local area?
- Use chronology to create timelines of significant local people and significant events in their lives.
- Use different sources of evidence to learn about the lives of Dina Asher-Smith, Floella Benjamin, David Bowie and Charles Darwin.
- Evaluate how useful different sources of evidence are.

In PE we will

- Work with the Crystal Palace Sports Coach – Coach Alhaji to improve our running and jumping movements over sustained periods.
- Begin our unit on hockey with the specialist hockey coach, focussing on attacking and defending, dribbling, passing, stopping, and gameplay.

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In DT we will....

- Investigate a variety of vehicles and their uses and features.
- Investigate ways of creating and decorating the body of a vehicle.
- Design a vehicle, make a vehicle based on a design and evaluate a finished product.

In RE we will

- Learn what commitment means to Muslims.
- Know why Muslims pray 5 times a day.
- Understand why Muslims visit the mosque.

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 Computing we will ...

- Use book creator to make a fact file on a non-fiction topic.
- Make a presentation to the class.