

Year 2 Curriculum Letter - Spring Half Term 1 - 2024

Our theme for Spring Term is:

FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD

Our main focus is:

- To learn about the importance of healthy eating
- To look at food from different cultures
- To know where our food comes from
- To understand the difference between hot and cold countries across the world
- Animal food chains
- Artists that use food



Our theme will last for:

5 weeks and 3 days

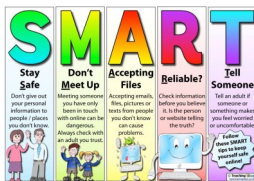
Music

This half term, we will be learning the style of rock music, what percussion instruments are and how they are used in songs. We will be exploring how to combine some percussion instruments with rock songs. Rock n Roll!



Computing

Children will be learning about the Internet and how to keep safe online. We will be looking at how to identify personal and non-personal information; how to follow the SMART online safety rules / policy and where and how to find support (trusted adult). We will also be focusing on how the Internet and digital devices can be used safely to find things out and to communicate with others.



P.E.

This term we will be learning to develop balance and co-ordination and to perform dances using simple movement patterns in the context of plants and growing. We will be using a variety of different movements and body shapes to represent a plant growing.

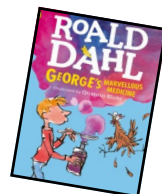
It is important that your child brings in their P.E. kit on a Monday which will need to stay in school until Friday. This will need to include:

Indoor: White t-shirt, black shorts, black plimsolls.

Outdoor: White t-shirt, black jumper, black tracksuit bottoms/leggings and black trainers.

English

This topic is going to be lots of fun! We will be reading and writing about Roald Dahl's 'George's Marvellous Medicine' in a variety of ways. First of all, we are going to use our prediction skills to predict what we think the story is going to be about just by looking at the front cover. Then, because George creates lots of strange, weird and wonderful potions, we will have a go at making and writing instructions for one of these potions. After that, we will write a recount of Grandma growing in the most peculiar way! Lastly, we will be writing a character description of grumpy Grandma using lots of descriptive language! We will be posting some of our amazing writing on Seesaw so keep an eye out! We cannot wait to see what happens in this amazing story!



P.S.H.E.

This term we will be learning all about our feelings. We will be learning how we can show our feelings with others and how to ensure what we say doesn't hurt other children's feelings. Also, to know different things we can do to manage big feelings, to help calm ourselves down and/or change our mood when you don't feel good.

Religious Education

This term we shall be revisiting Hinduism. We will discuss and explore where and how Hindus pray. Important people in Hinduism will be studied and we shall be discovering how Hindus celebrate the 'Naming Ceremony.'



Behaviour and safety

We will focus on 'Clever Never Goes' and how to keep ourselves safe online and in public.

Art

We will be designing our own fruit/vegetable faces and based on the artists work Giuseppe Arcimboldo. We will also be learning about pointillism and how dots can be used to create an image.

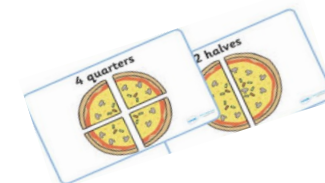


Mathematics

We will be relating our Maths. work to our topic 'Food glorious Food' where possible. We will be using our money skills to start working out change and adding amounts that may go over £1. We will set up our own toy shop in the classroom and the children will pretend to buy items with the 'shopkeepers' giving them their change!

We will then move onto fractions which links perfectly with food! We will be finding fractions that are equivalent and working out fractions of amounts and of shapes. We will also find fractions of food! At home, you could try asking your child to share half of their food or split their food up into quarters!

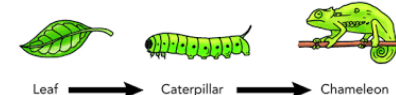
Lastly, we will be looking at statistics and tables. We will be answering questions about tally charts and pictograms and we will even construct our own!



Science

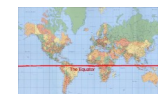
We are going to be learning all about how important food is for humans and animals. We will be researching and investigating how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals and we will be looking at food chains. We will also learn about:

- The importance of healthy food and why you should be eating seven pieces of fruit and vegetables a day.
- The importance of exercise.
- The different food groups there are.



Geography

We will be learning about the weather in the U.K. and around the world. We shall look at how this weather affects the food grown. Also, we will be using globes and atlases to identify different countries and continents to discover where food comes from. We will be looking at hot and cold countries around the world and how the equator can help us identify these countries.



Shared home learning:

Please encourage your child to read for a minimum of 15 minutes every day. This should be logged in their reading journal on a daily basis. Points will be awarded for children bringing in their reading journal. Our vocabulary and spellings that we will be practising and looking at over the half term will be shared via Seesaw each week and these can be discussed and practised at home. It is always great to ask your child the definitions of the words and see if they can put them into a sentence! An optional Maths. or English homework will be set via Seesaw on a weekly basis. The answers for this will accompany the work and raffle tickets and rewards may be given for these by the teachers. A new topic project will be set at the start of the half term and this will be explained on Seesaw - this one can let your creativity take hold!

Dates for your diary

8th January - Teacher training Day

9th January - Wonder Day

17th January - History Day

22nd January—World Religion Day

W/C 5th February - Children's Mental Health Week

6th February - Safer Internet Day

9th February - LGBT History Day

W/C 12th February - Story Telling Week

Mandir Trip - 12th and 13th February am (further information will be given closer to the time)

W/C 19th February - Half Term