

Year 2 Curriculum Letter - Autumn Half Term 2 - 2019-20

Our theme for Autumn Term 2 is:

Captivating Capitals!

Our main focus is:

- To learn about the countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom as well as the surrounding seas.
- To compare places in the UK to areas in other countries.
- To know some key features and landmarks of a range of capital cities.

Our theme will last for:

8 weeks

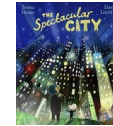


English

This term in English we will be reading the fiction book 'The Spectacular City' by Teresa Heapy. We will be writing our own stories based on this book and thinking about the features of a successful story. Furthermore, we will be creating information texts about the capital cities we explore in order to teach others all about them.

On a weekly basis, your child will be working on comprehension activities. It would be great if you could ask your child what they have been learning about during these comprehension tasks to reinforce the learning that takes place.

Grammar and punctuation is going to be a big part of your child's English study. When reading with your child, please ask questions like: When do you use capital letters? When do you use full stops? When can you use commas? Can you spot where the exclamation mark is? Why is it used there?



Mathematics

This half term we will be:

- Solving calculation problems (adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers)
- Exploring shape (identifying features of 2D and 3D shapes and sorting these)
- Generalising arithmetic (using addition and subtraction facts and understanding how to use the inverse)
- Reasoning with measures (making small amounts of money in different ways and understanding how to give change)

If you would like to help your child at home, it would be really beneficial if you could practise mental maths strategies and times tables. On a weekly basis, children will be having a mental maths test which will look at a variety of skills taught in class.



Philosophy for Children (P.4.C.)

As a class we will discuss: what does it mean to belong? In what different ways can we belong?



Behaviour and Safety

This Autumn term we will be looking at what bullying is, the different types of bullying and what we can do to stop it.



Computing

In Computing, this term we are going to be learning how to save and retrieve work on computers and iPads. The children will create a poster including pictures and text, organising their information in a logical way. They will also explore different ways of changing the presentation of their work.



Personal, Health, Social and Community Education

(P.H.S.C.E.)

We will be following our 'No Outsiders' scheme of work. Our text for this term will be 'The Odd Egg' by Emily Gravett which teaches us to celebrate diversity.



Religious Education

In R.E, we will be learning about Christianity and focusing on the themes of symbols, food, Christmas Eve and Christmas day beliefs and traditions.



Art

During Art lessons, the children will be thinking about colour, shape, line, pat and space to create an effective picture of a city scape using chalk. We will also be creating images of fire, linking to our History topic 'The Great Fire of London'.



History

In History this term we will be finding out all about the Great Fire of London. When did it happen? How did it start? What effect did it have? Who was involved in it?



Music

In Music, we will be learning the famous song *London's Burning*, in unison (altogether) and as a round. We will create a simple accompaniment for the song and will listen to, and learn about the Baroque period in music (c.1600-1750). Children will also be practising their songs for their carol concert in December.



In Geography we will be learning to name, locate and talk about the key characteristics of the countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom as well as the surrounding seas. Children will use maps and globes to support their learning. We will be thinking about similarities and differences between different places. Children will use simple compass directions and use aerial photographs to explore landmarks. They will also create maps using a simple key.

P.E.

To keep us fit and healthy during the second Autumn term, we are going to be participating in team games, developing simple tactics for attacking and defending.



It would be great if you could ensure that your child's P.E. kit is in school at all times. Thank you.

Shared home learning:

Please spend 15 minutes, as a minimum, reading with your child everyday. We will continue to give out a themed project homework which will be completed in a creative manner so it is open to interpretation. Children will also have new spellings to learn each week for a spelling test every Friday.

Dates for your diary

School photographs: Tuesday 29th October

Anti-bullying week: Monday 11th November (Odd Socks Day)

Christmas Fayre: Wednesday 11th December 3:30-5:30pm

Christmas Carol performances: Thursday 12th Dec pm and Friday 13th Dec am.



STOP BULLYING

