

## English

The children will be learning to write a short piece based upon Paddington Bear. They will be learning to include dialogue and speech marks, commas to indicate adverbs and adjectives to describe setting and characters. The children will then move on to writing a related piece of non-fiction. The 'Talk for Writing' approach will include drama, story mapping and boxing up as well as range of other creative writing techniques.

There will be regular Reciprocal Reading sessions so that your child is heard reading every week. The six areas of comprehension are indicated on their bookmarks.

The children will have a daily phonics session and their spellings will be related to sounds they have previously learned or are learning.

## PE and Games

In Games the children will continue to learn invasion game skills. These will involve throwing, catching and being ready to receive. They will also have a weekly indoor yoga session where they will learn to hold a pose and flow into the next.

## Music—Submarine Exploration

Pupils will be exploring underwater themes in music. We will be learning some sea songs and using sea creature rhythms to improve our sense of timing. As well as using percussion and our voices, we will continue to develop our keyboard skills, focusing on using the correct fingers to play a sea song in time with a pre-recorded backing track. In pairs we will compose our own sea composition to a clip from 'The Blue Planet'. We will also be working on our Harvest Festival and improving our whole class vocal skills. New this year is 'the track of the week', which children will appraise and vote for in their weekly music lesson.

## Science

The children will be developing their knowledge and understanding of materials. They will learn how different materials have different properties and will plan their own investigations to find out how different materials change. When planning their own investigations, the children will start to look at how to record their results accurately and draw conclusion from them. They will also do investigations linked to their topic.

## Year 2 Term 1 and 2

# Fantastic flight



## PSHE—JIGSAW

The theme in Term 1 is 'Being Me in My World'. The children will identify their hopes and fears, understand rights and responsibilities and recognise the choices they make and their consequences. Term 2 focuses 'Celebrating Difference' and looks at stereotypes and friendships.

## RE

The RE theme for Term 1 is 'What did Jesus teach 'Is it possible to be kind to everyone?' In Term 2 the theme will be based on the Christmas story 'What gift would I have given Jesus if he had been born in my town'. The Collective Worship themes are Honesty and Respect.

## Topic—History

The children will be learning about significant people in history linked to flight such as The Wright Brothers, Amy Johnson and The Montgolfier Brothers. This will be taught in sequence to develop their understanding of a timeline.

## Computing

The children will be learning to become 'programmers'. By the end of the term they will be able to design, write and debug programs. As always we will focus on e-safety and the importance of it.

## Art/DT

In DT the children will design, create and evaluate the making of a kite using different materials. In Art the children will study Matisse and sketch objects.

## Maths

Your child will be learning to estimate, order numbers and to know and use their number bonds effectively. They will double numbers, find more than and less than and use a marked number line. They will be solving more difficult addition and subtraction calculations. The children will be investigating and problem solving weekly to improve their thinking and mathematical skills. Shape and Money will also be a focus.

**The following Year 2 members of staff would like to warmly welcome you and your child:**

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**Class Teacher Miss Keshia Staples**

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**Class Teacher Mr Rhys Owens**

**Year 2 HLTA Miss Tina Deacon Year 2 TA's Mrs Linda Freeman, Mrs Karen Williams, Miss Amy Herbert**