

Literacy

In Year 2 this term we will be reading and reflecting on lots of Roald Dahl stories. We will use some of his ideas to write our own marvellous stories. His inspiring ideas will also help us write other genres such as non-chronological reports, instructions and haikus. This term we will continue to focus on punctuation and cursive handwriting. Grammar and spelling rules will remain an important focus in our writing. Every week we will continue to apply learnt skills to our Big Writing.

Reading many different stories will allow children to think and talk about the adventures of characters and relate them to their own experiences. As story detectives, they will look closely at books to build prediction, inference and deduction skills. When reading a range of non-fiction texts children will be looking for different organisational features such as contents, captions and headings. This will help them to learn to retrieve information and create their own illustrations with labels and captions.

Art/DI

In art, children will develop a range of skills using different medium such as pastels, paints and textiles. They will complete activities such as including print making and completing self-portraits. .

In DI, pupils will combine materials to create moving vehicles from recycled materials. Please can you save cardboard boxes, plastic containers and other recyclable materials for this project?

Phonics

The children will continue to expand their phonic knowledge through learning new spelling rules and applying these when writing. This includes adding suffixes and prefixes to different words. The children will also develop their knowledge of common exception words.

Religious Education

Children will widen their knowledge of different faiths by learning about different special books: the Qur'an, the Torah, and the Bible. The religion of Hinduism will also be explored and the pupils will learn more about their beliefs and religious stories.

PSHE/Citizenship

The children will keep learning about RRSA rights of the child, particularly considering value of money, charities and living in the wider world. The children will learn about different emergency situations and ways to ask for help.

Science

Support your children develop their scientific enquiry by exploring uses of everyday materials.

We will be conducting scientific experiments into the suitability of different materials. We will be identifying and comparing a variety of everyday materials.

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Additional Information

Please refer to your child's Reading Record and feel free to use this as a way to communicate with your class teacher, alongside the daily reading comments. Please encourage your child and record all books you read with the children as this will contribute to the reading challenge

Home learning will be set every two weeks on a Friday. Spellings will be tested on a Thursday and new spellings will be issued on a Friday.

The PE timetable is flexible; please ensure that children will have their PE kits in everyday for an indoor and an outdoor lesson each week.

Library Days:

2M- Thursday

2LH- Thursday

2KH- Wednesday

Maths

The children will use 2 and 3 digit numbers and will mentally + or - a 1 digit number to a 2 digit number and + or - multiples of ten.

The children will develop their understanding of the four operations and will complete +, -, x and ÷ number sentences to find missing numbers. Children will continue to learn time tables so please practise lots at home.

Practical problem solving will support all learning in maths and this includes finding change in money problems. 2D and 3D shapes will be explored and data generated for activities including pictograms, tables, block graphs and diagrams. The children will be learning to tell the time and will be finding halves and quarters of shapes and numbers.

Computing

The children will be using ICT to support their learning through research and searching for information on the Internet. E-safety will be an important factor at all times.

Music

Children will carry on participating in the Harrow Schools Music Service strings programme. They will be learning to play the cello, violin and viola to develop skills in performing and reading music. Children will continue to develop their singing, particularly through listening to and appraising different songs.

Humanities

Children will continue to learn more about the world and then contrast the local area with somewhere in India.

In History, children will develop their understanding of the past by learning about events beyond living memory, for example, the Great Fire of London.

Games/PE

The focus this term will be on skill development, team work and agility through developing team games such as hockey. The children will also practise movements and balance in dance.