

Year 2 Summer 1

Our topic is...



Far, far away

Supporting your child's learning at home

The most effective way of supporting your child's learning is by taking an interest in what they are doing. This leaflet should give you a starting point for talking about what learning your child is doing at school. There are ideas below to support their learning at home.

English

Our English this half term will focus on the story, Jim and the Beanstalk. We will look at inference and prediction. We will be using drama activities to explore the emotions of the characters and will work towards writing in role, making our own speech to the giant about his eating habits. Our focus will be on exciting language, persuasive writing and use of the range of sentence types expected for Year 2 children.

At home you could:

- Continue reading with your child regularly and practising the phonic sounds in the Reading Diary.
- Expand your child's vocabulary by discussing more challenging and exciting words when reading to them.
- Speak to your child about what they are reading and encourage them to think about what might happen next or to consider why a character may be feeling as they are. This will help with their inference skills.
- Learning weekly spelling words.
- Note when possessive apostrophes are used to show that something belongs to someone e.g. The girl's jumper.
- Practise handwriting when learning spelling words.

Mathematics

This term we will be building on our knowledge of time including telling the time in 15 minute intervals and when children are ready in 5 minute intervals. Please help your child to tell the time regularly at home. We will be revisiting topics we have already covered of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and will group the children across the year group to best fit their individual needs. This will give children the opportunity to improve their fluency and strategies to use the four operations independently and look at some problems involving reasoning and higher order thinking where the children will have to explain how or why in words.

At home you could:

- Teach your child to read an analogue clock (with hands).
- Continue to practise times tables, in particular 2's, 5s, 10s and 3s.
- Recap number bonds to 20 to ensure the children are secure.
- Help your child with their maths homework on Education City

Science

This half term we are learning about Scientists and Inventors. As we find out about a range of scientists from the past we will be carrying out our own investigations around their discoveries. The children will learn about Tim Smit who designed the Eden Project, the botanist Jane Colden, Charles MacIntosh and his waterproofing chemical, pollution in seas through the work of Rachel Carson and Louis Pasteur with an emphasis on the importance of preventing germs being spread.

At home you could:

- Carry out your own research into the work of different scientists.
- Look out for information books in the library.

Art

In our Art sessions we will be linking our learning to our Mexican theme. The children will explore work from the artist Frida Kahlo, making artwork that is inspired by her and exploring ways of drawing self-portraits. We will also be using clay to create a Mexican Day of the Dead mask.

Geography

During our geography sessions, we will be focusing on the country of Mexico. We will be thinking about the similarities and differences between Mexico and our own culture. We will explore different festivals that are celebrated in Mexico along with their artwork. The children will start by finding Mexico on a world map and learning the Continents and Oceans of the world. We will then be exploring Mexican weather and food.

Music

From our new 'Charanga' Music programme we will be focusing our music lessons this half term, around the theme of 'Friendship'. We will continue to find the pulse as well as integrating rhythm, pitch with singing and instruments such as xylophones and glockenspiels. Each lesson will follow the same structure of listening and answering questions, warm up games and challenges, before moving on to learning the song.

P.E

Children will be taking part in some 'Invasion Games'. This will include thinking about using space in games, attacking and defending skills as well as dodging and marking skills in a game.

R.E

Our topic this half term continues the Hindu theme when we will be learning about Hindu Temple worship and comparing it to Christian places of worship.

Trailblazers

Outdoor learning specifically developing discovery, exploration and care of our environment will take place on Monday afternoons. This half term the children will be using the outside environment to plant, pond dip, and care for the garden. If you have any queries about your child's learning then please have a chat with your class teacher.

Class dojo:



Please remember you can message **any** of the Year 2 teachers on Class dojo with queries or questions that you may have.

Beech Class - Miss Jackson

Oak Class - Mrs Hayes and Miss Lambert