

## English

### Writing

This half term we begin our new work based on our vehicle text 'Grandad's Island' by Benji Davies. With this beautiful text, we will write a narrative based on the main character returning to the start of their journey. We will then write a non-chronological report based on this text by writing factual information about a chosen animal. We will also be studying different types of sentences such as statement, command, question and exclamation. Additionally, we will be learning about apostrophes for possession and contraction as well as using a rich vocabulary to ensure our writing is descriptive and informative to the reader.

### Reading

Year 2 will continue to read a range of decodable phonics texts three times per week focusing on decoding, prosody and comprehension. For shared reading, we will be reading traditional tales and poetry with a focus on the classic story of 'The Three Little Pigs.' We will look at some alternative books such as 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs!' and 'The Wolf's Story'.

## Music & DT

We will continue to investigate pitch using instruments and voices. We will explore changes in pitch throughout songs and the effect this has on the melody and tune. In DT we will be designing and creating our own vehicle with wheels and axels, ensuring we use precise measurement to make a fully moving vehicle.

## Science

In science we will continue our investigations into the growth of seeds and bulbs by experimenting with different conditions and then recording results and drawing conclusions into what we have found out with regards to which conditions enabled healthy growth. We will also set up a comparative test to show that plants and bulbs need light and water for healthy growth. We will also continue our work into seasonal change investigating what happens to plants during the season of spring.



## Geography

This half term we will be focusing on oceans and continents. Year 2 will learn the 7 continents of the world and be able to identify all of these on a blank map as well as using their skills to identify and place on a blank atlas. Additionally the children will learn the location of the 5 oceans and their surrounding areas such as hot and cold climates in relation to the equator, gaining an understanding of different climate zones around the world.

## Maths

Firstly we will learn about money and its value, in particular finding different combinations of coins that equal the same amounts as well as solving simple addition and subtraction problems. Year 2 will then be completing work around shape: both 2D and 3D, learning how to describe shapes based on their properties using vocabulary such as edges, vertices and faces. Furthermore we will compare 2D and 3D shapes. Lastly, we will be learning about fractions. We will focus on identifying and finding unit and non-unit fractions of shape such as  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{2}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{3}$ , which will then lead us onto focusing on fractions of numbers and amounts involving halves, quarters and thirds.

## RE & PSHE

We will explore the Christianity faith with a focus on the importance of prayer and communicating through prayer. For PSHE we will think about and discuss living in the wider world.

## Computing

We will use paint to create our own pictures in the style of Paul Klee's Castle and Sun. We will learn how to insert, manipulate and rotate shapes. The children will also learn how to change the colour and size of brush strokes.

## PE

Year 2 will be focusing on ball games in particular learning techniques to catch as well as controlling throw and maintaining accuracy. Year 2 will also be creating their own ball games incorporating the skills they have learned.