Year 2 Autumn Term: Around The World

Termly overview: Over the Autumn term, the children will be exploring the world we live in. We will start off by looking at the continents and oceans that make up our wonderful world and then move on to the importance of caring for everybody. We will look at the animals that live on our planet, including their homes, before focusing on the wonderful continent of Africa through a range of art and design tasks.

As Times Table Rockstars we will:

By the end of year 2, children are expected to know all multiplication and division facts for their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. They should be able to count in 3s. The children should be able to recall them at speed and this will be practised throughout the week in class. Times Table Rockstars is a great way for children to practise at home. Please find your child's login in the front of their maths homework book and encourage them to play on the garage.

As writers we will:

be focusing on two fiction texts this term: The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark (Jill Tomlinson) and The Enormous Crocodile (Roald Dahl). To link in with our science work, we will be learning how to write explanation texts about life cycles. Finally, we will focus on humorous poems and Calligrams. The children will be practising their use of full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks and question marks as well as exploring expanded noun phrases.

As mathematicians we will:

be focusing on a range of topics. We will start by looking at the place value of numbers up to 100. We will then move on to exploring statistics before moving onto shapes and fractions. After half term, children will learn about addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and measurement. We will also be looking at telling the time and combining coins to make various amounts – these are great topics that can be practised at home when the opportunity presents itself!

As scientists we will:

look at living things and their habitats. This unit will explore our local habitats before moving on to the habitats found around the world. We will consider what makes something alive and finish by looking at food chains.

As geographers we will:

be looking at the continents and oceans that make up our world! We will then focus on Africa and what makes it a special continent.

As designers we will:

be exploring how to successfully plan, create and evaluate a structure to hold the enormous crocodile safely.

As musicians we will:

be taught on a Tuesday afternoon by Mr Hall.

Author of the Term

The author of the term in year 2 is Jill Tomlinson. The children will be reading 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark' in class. Why not explore some of her other books at home! Your child can bring them in to enjoy with the whole class, although please label them clearly with your child's name - thank you.

As artists we will:

look at the art of Martin Bulinya. He is an artist who uses paint to create beautiful scenes of the many countries in Africa. The children will be studying his technique and attempt to create their own versions of his artwork.

In RE / PSHE we will:

explore the importance of caring for everybody in the world. We will also look at how we can show fairness to everybody as well as exploring our feelings about returning to school.

In computing we will:

be exploring searching on the internet. We will talk about how to be safe and how to search effectively.

Homework Including Optional Homework Project Ideas

Homework Type	Given out	Handed in
Weekly spellings linked to phonics, year 2 spelling patterns or common exception words Online spelling games linked to spelling pattern	Friday	Following Wednesday
Maths linked to teaching during the week.	Friday	Following Wednesday
Reading	Continuous (3 times per week at least)	

Useful Websites

For Children:
http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/
https://play.ttrockstars.com/
https://spellingframe.co.uk/

For Parents:
http://www.theschoolrun.com/year-2

Important Reminders

- Please keep an eye on the Hillside app and your Parent Pay account for the latest guidance issued by the school.
- Please ensure your child's hands are sanitised before they enter the building in the morning.
- Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Please ensure that your child returns their refilled water bottle to school everyday. This must contain water rather than juice.
- If your child wears earrings, please ensure they are plain stud.
- Please remember that below-shoulder length hair should be tied back. Hair accessories should be minimal and in school colours.
- Please ensure your child only brings healthy break-time snacks into school.
- If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Reading

In Year 2, the expectation is that children read at least three times per week. You must sign and date your child's diary and ensure it is in school each day. In Year 2, books will be changed on a Friday. Reading diaries will be checked every Monday morning. In addition to this expectation, we are continuing the **'Reading Rocket'** initiative for children. Children are encouraged to read at least five times over the week. **In order to develop good reading habits we are asking that children read little and often throughout the week rather than on a number of occasions during the same day.** The children must read on five separate days to be considered for the reading rocket prize. Those who achieve the reading rocket will receive a letter home, a small prize and be in entered into a prize draw for a larger prize.

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Educational Visits

Due to the current situation, educational visits have currently been postponed. More information will be provided in the future when educational visits are able to resume.

PE

The year 2 children will have PE on Tuesday. On Tuesday the children will be taught by our specialised P.E teacher, Dan. **On this day, please ensure that your child arrives at school in a full, named PE kit including suitable footwear as some lessons will take place outside.** Any earrings should be taken out before school on these days and all long hair should be tied back, as per whole school policy.