

English: In the first half of the term, we will be reading 'The Fox and the Star' by Coralie Bickford-Smith as a stimulus for writing information reports about foxes. Then, we will write an information report on an animal of our choice. We will be learning about lots of different animals in our science and topic lessons so we are expecting it to be difficult to choose! We will also read 'Lila and the Secret of Rain' by David Conway and write our own stories based on it. In the second half of the term we will be listening to, retelling and then writing traditional tales from a range of different countries and cultures. We will also write instructions for making delicious food from across the globe.

Maths: We will continue to strengthen our understanding of place value and the four operations for calculation. We will be using these skills to help us solve a range of problems involving money, length and mass. Using arrays and finding the inverse will be important in developing a more secure understanding of multiplication and division. We will also develop our understanding of fractions by representing them as part of a shape, amount or a number. Please keep learning and practising all times tables and basic number facts!

Science: Our two main science topics this term are **Animals (including humans) and Living Things and their Habitats**. We will continue to be inquisitive and will work scientifically by observing animals in our locality and asking and answering questions about how animals grow and survive. We will learn about life-cycles and simple food chains.

History/Geography

In history we will have a look at a chronology of some of the great explorers and think about why and how they set out to discover more about our world. We will use atlases to identify the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles and compare and contrast the similarities and differences between life in London and the UK and life in another part of the world.

Spring Term 2019 Year 2

First Half Term – Around the World

Second Half Term – Tell Me a Tale

PSHCE: This term we will be thinking about how we learn best and how to set and work towards achieving our goals. We will continue to strengthen our Building Learning Power muscles of Reciprocity (co-operation) and Resilience. We will also be learning how to keep healthy.

RE: Our two main themes in RE this term are **Special Places, Sacred Spaces and Easter**. We will learn about special and sacred places in different religions around the world and reflect on why they are important to people. As we approach Easter, we will think about what this means to Christians.

Art and DT: We will be illustrating stories from around the world with different media and our artwork will be inspired by art from around the world. We will be making African elephants, South American Dream-catchers, Arctic artwork and Aboriginal dot paintings. In addition to this we will also be following traditional recipes to cook German biscuits. We will celebrate all of our amazing art projects at the end of the half term by opening an around the world art museum.

Music:

This term we will be learning all about **beat and rhythm**. We will also continue **exploring sounds** - vocal, body percussion and instrumental sounds and learn about timbre and texture in descriptive music. In singing we will focus on breathing and pitch.

PE:

We will continue with our swimming lessons every week and will be developing our Dance and Gymnastics skills during our lessons on Wednesday. In dance, we will sequence a series of movements and techniques into a performance dance and in gymnastics we will focus on balance and direction.

Computing:

We will be learning to write codes in order to make our own games.