

EMPIRE STRIKES BACK!

★ Coffee & Curriculum topic map: Year 2 2021-22 ★

Literacy

We will focus on improving our sentence writing with a wider range of conjunctions. We will also learn about different sentence types including command and exclamation sentences. We will have a different book to focus on each half term and we will write in a range of genres including non-chronological report, instructions and story writing. We will continue with our phonics sessions focusing on the Year 2 spelling rules. This term we will be doing whole-class reading and guided reading sessions to develop comprehension skills as well as hearing children read individually. There will be a continued focus on the children's handwriting with regards to forming of letters, joins and ensuring letters are sat correctly on the line.

*You can find magic
wherever you look. Sit
back and relax, all you
need is a book.*

- Dr. Seuss

Computing: Coding

This term, the children will begin coding using the iPad app ScratchJr. They will come to understand that computer programs are made up of instructions which the device follows precisely, meaning code may need to be debugged for it to work properly. They will focus on identifying the algorithm in the problem and the application of loops in repeated sections of code.



Art & DT



As artists we will learn about Roman portraits and explore the proportions of the human face. We will then move on to drawing our own Roman portraits including Roman hairdos and helmets! We will also create collages to represent mosaics using a range of materials.

Place and Time: Roman Empire

We will be exploring the history and geography of Roman life, the Roman army, Hadrian's wall and Boudicca. The children's questions will be leading our learning further through our class wonder wall.



PE: Fundamentals of movement

The children will be developing their gymnastics skills and invasion games within our PE lessons. We will also continue to focus on an active classroom.



PSHE

This term we will be focusing upon our health and wellbeing, creating new goals for the year ahead. We will continue to use and focus upon our Successful lifelong learner skills as well as look at 'No Outsiders' stories to explore friendship and family.



Faith and Belief



We will begin by thinking about different places that are special to us and how they make us feel. We will then be moving on to look at some famous Christian parables and the lessons that they teach us.

Science: Materials



We will identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials for particular uses. We will find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. We will be developing the children's 'working scientifically' skills.

Maths

The children have now been taught methods for all operations and we will practise these again this term so that the children become confident at using these independently. We will teach the children to add and subtract two two-digit numbers crossing the tens. We will also learn about money, ensuring the children can recognise coins and make given amounts using the coins. In statistics we will learn to interpret and construct simple graphs. In Spring 2 we will look at properties of 2D and 3D shapes and revisit multiplication and division.

Music

The children will begin by copying rhythmic patterns in time with the beat. They will learn how to follow symbols that represent sounds, and move their hands to show changes in pitch. The children will be listening to a variety of musical pieces, saying how they feel and describing what they can hear. Learning simple melodies on the glockenspiel will enable the children to create performances to be proud of!

