

A special visitor from Peru



Coffee & Curriculum topic map: Year 2 2021-22

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The topic overview currently shows what we are planning to teach, but this will be added to using our discussions with the children and our Wonder Walls.

Literacy

We will focus on sentence writing including the consistent use of capital letters, full stops, adjectives and conjunctions to extend sentences. Through a story-based approach we will be exploring the genres of letter writing and character descriptions. We will continue with phonics sessions, recapping phase 5 sounds and then moving onto spelling rules. We will continue to have a whole-school focus on our Letter Join handwriting scheme, which is cursive. The children will be encouraged to join their letters when they have perfected their formations. We will be reading both individually and as a whole-class, which will be identified within the children's reading records.

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



Maths

This term the children will be learning new strategies for the four operations including fractions and will start to become more fluent in using this independently. We will begin by looking at place value and how we can make numbers in different ways. We then move onto addition and subtraction using two-digit numbers. In Autumn 2 we will look at multiplication, division and fractions.

We will have daily mental maths sessions focusing on mental strategies for the four operations.

Science: Living Things and Their Habitats

We will explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. We will identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals.

Next, we will identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats. We will be describing how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain and identify and name different sources of food. We will also continue to develop the children's skills in working scientifically.

Computing

The children will be introduced to Google Earth and find their school and other local landmarks. Afterwards, the children will travel the world with Paddington taking eye-catching photographs of the places he has visited and saving them in Book Creator. To finish their photo album, children will add captions to their pictures, editing text alignment, size, font and colour.

Faith and Belief

The children will be learning about how Christians worship God and some symbols related to Christianity such as a bible, staff and a crucifix. We will be looking at objects that are important to Christians and the children will be able to reflect on what is important to them.



Art

Taking inspiration from Paddington, we will be:

- Using teddies to make a children's book character through drawing and computer illustration.
- Producing water colour stamp illustrations
- Exploring colour and shape in Peruvian art and making mixed media llama art.



PE: Fundamentals of movement

We are very lucky this half term to have a PE specialist who will be working with us to develop the children skills in agility, balance and co-ordination through games and fun activities.

Place and Time

Our topic will be based around the different places in the world Paddington may visit and we will use the children's questions to lead our learning. We will be learning about the continents and oceans of the world and the children will use maps and atlases to locate different places. We will also learn about what it is like living in different places and how we can look after our planet.



Music

We will be listening to dramatic pieces of music and describing how it makes us feel. The children will be using body percussion to create their own sounds based on particular emotions. We will listen and learn to describe pieces of music based on their pitch, texture and tempo. This half term's composer of the month is John Williams who famously composed the music for films such as Harry Potter, Star Wars and Indiana Jones.



PSHE

We will continue to use 'No Outsiders' stories to explore friendship, family and celebrating what makes us special and unique.

Our main focus this half term is settling the children into year 2 as well as their mental health and well-being through discussion, circle time and stories.

DT

Our focus this term will be cutting skills and how to use scissors safely. We will then be creating our own 'Paddington's Journey' using a lever attached by a paper fastener, to make Paddington move around different places in the world the children have designed.

