

English

In our English unit this half term will start by reading a range of poems all about animals. We will match the poems to their animal using clues from the text. We will then use these poems as inspiration for a description.

We will be revisiting, learning and applying the following skills:

- Using the coordinating conjunctions and, but, so to join two clauses together.
- Use commas in a list
- Use expanded noun phrases
- Use the suffix – ful to create adjectives
- Use adventurous vocabulary

When we have completed this unit, we will begin reading our new text called ‘The Explorer’ which we will be using as stimulus to write a narrative.

Year 2 Expectations for Home learning

All children are expected to read at least 5 times a week at home and this must be recorded in their reading record.

Reading records must be in school every day so that we can record all school reading in them. Children need to go on their NumBots account for 5 minutes daily.

RE

Our theme is Holi and the key concept is remembering.

Step 1 simply describe what *remembering* means.

Step 2 simply describe ways in which Hindus *remember* Vishnu at Holi.

Step 3 in simple terms, discern something of the value of *remembering* for Hindus in the celebrations and devotions paid to Vishnu.

Step 4 express creatively ways in which they *remember* events or people.

Step 5 recognise how their responses to *remembering* relate to their own and other’s lives.

Music

This half-term our topic is ‘Man on the Moon’. We will learn to:

- Learn the words and chant it to a steady beat.
- Explore different vocal timbres.
- Explore different instrumental sounds.

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Science

Children will revise their knowledge of describing materials from Year 1 using scientific vocabulary such as flexible and waterproof

We will then move on to look at the properties of a material determines whether they are suitable for a purpose.

PSHE

Children will be continuing their knowledge on safety by learning to tie their shoelaces and will then move on to healthy habits with a focus on brushing our teeth correctly.

Computing

This term, we will be learning about robot algorithms. We will practise following algorithms before we create our own algorithms in order to programme BeeBots.

Maths

This term continues with scaffolding the learning of addition and subtraction efficiently using known facts and focuses on the nature of commutativity. It also provides opportunities to further develop pupils’ conceptual understanding of and use of time as a measure, as well as using standard units to measure mass.

The key objectives are:

- Use of number bonds to ‘bridge through ten.’
- Addition of two numbers can be done in any order (commutative).
- Subtraction of one number from another number cannot be done in any order.
- Telling the time – quarter past / quarter to.
- Estimate and measure mass (kg/g) to the nearest appropriate unit.

Geography

Why is our world wonderful? In this unit, we will be:

- Identifying characteristics of the UK on a map
- Identifying human and physical features
- Locate human and physical features on a world map
- Explain the difference between oceans and seas
- Name and locate the five oceans on a world map
- Use an aerial photograph to draw a simple sketch map

PE

Gymnastics – We will be looking at a range of gymnastic shapes and how to travel. We will then link these shapes together to perform a routine. We will also have some students from Cranbourne in PE sessions this half term.

Please note our PE days have changed to Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Art

Themes: Painting and mixed media. We will be developing our colour mixing skills, learning about the work of the artist Romare Bearden and composing collages inspired by our exploration of colour and texture around us.