

Curriculum Overview - Key stage 2

Summer Term 2017

Our main topic this term is 'The Secret Life of Cats'. For this topic, much of our work will be focussed around the text 'Varjak Paw'. We will be exploring plants and growth in science and drawing skills in art and data handling in computing. Nearer the end of the term, children will also spend time thinking about 'Moving On', either to their new Middle School or into Year 4.

English

In English children will be reading Varjak Paw to support our topic work. They will be writing diary entries from the point of view of the main character and will be exploring how to write in the first person, adding detail in interesting and grammatically accurate ways. Within their writing they will be focussing on the use of conjunctions, relative clauses (who, that or which), expanding noun phrases and using commas in a list. Children will continue to develop their understanding and inference in guided reading through discussion and written work. Children will be learning phonic sounds or spelling rules to help them with their spellings.

Maths

In Year 3, the children will focus on recognising turns (clockwise and anticlockwise) and angles. They will need to recognise angles that are larger and smaller than right angles. They will also consolidate their calculation strategies for problem solving. In Year 4, the children will be learning about data handling, as well as consolidating multiplication and division strategies.

Computing

The children will be using laptops to explore different ways of presenting data including bar charts, pie charts, line graphs, tally charts and pictograms.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will be studying two units this term. The first covers 'Relationships', the second looks at 'Changes'.

R.E. This half term in RE the children will be learning about the key beliefs of the Islamic faith.

Science

Children will be carrying out experiments and investigations with growing plants. They will develop their skills to plan, carry out, observe and conclude. The children will also be learning about rocks later in the summer and will visit Bristol Museum.

Geography

We will be using maps, atlases and globes to locate countries and discuss the physical features of different regions.

Art & D.T.

Children will be learning to improve their drawing skills with different media such as sketching pencils, charcoals and ink and will study the work of artist Keith Haring.

Music

This term the Year 4 children will continue to learn the skills involved with playing the violin. The Year 3 children will explore basic composition.

P.E.

In PE children will be developing their running, jumping and throwing skills during athletics sessions. They will also be working cooperatively in problem solving games.

