

Curriculum Overview - Key stage 2

Autumn Term 2017

Our topic this term is **The Great Outdoors**. Our core text is Fox by Margaret Wild and Ron Brooks. We will also focus on Geography and Art. In science we will also explore food chains and habitats and the local environment. We look forward to welcoming visitors to talk to us about wildlife in the local and wider environments and how we can help look after them.



English

In English, the children will be learning to write their own versions to a known text as well as writing poems and letters. They will use figurative language (similes, metaphor and alliteration) to describe characters and settings in their writing as well as learning to create atmosphere in stories. The children will continue to develop their skills of drafting, improving and publishing their pieces of writing. Children will also be learning phonic sounds or spelling rules to help them with their spellings and improving understanding of texts that they read through class discussions.

Maths Children will be learning age appropriate times tables in Year 3 and 4 as well as corresponding division facts. All the children will consolidate and improve their understanding of the value of number using a variety of strategies. We will learn new methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children will be developing their reasoning skills and applying their knowledge to solve problems.

Computing The children will be learning about e-safety, including safe searching on the internet, and how we communicate with each other online.

R.E. The children will be learning about belonging to a faith community and the role of stories, hymns and prayers in Christianity.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

In KS2, the children will be exploring the theme of friendship, the importance of looking after one another and respecting our environment.

Science The children will identify animals from around the UK and study their habitats. We will explore how humans impact upon animals' habitats and how we can help to look after them. The children will learn about predators, prey and food chains. Naturalist, Simon King is visiting us to talk to us about conservation and other visitors from the community.

Geography Children will be using atlases, maps and keys. They will learn about different types of land use from around the country as well as sources of food from around the UK.

Art

The children will be exploring the representation of animals in art. They will look at the work of aboriginal people as well Henri Matisse and Frida Kahlo. They will create words in the styles of these artists.

Music This half term the Year 3 children will be having violin lessons and in the Spring Term the Year 4 children start violin lessons, which will run to the end of the year. There will be additional music afternoons.

P.E.

In Year 3 and 4, the children will be developing their gymnastics skills with a focus on balancing shapes. The year 3 classes will be learning to play hockey, while the Year 4 children will also be continuing with swimming lessons.

