

**'Where in Frome would the Bog Baby like to live?'**

This half term we will be looking at what animals need to survive and our locality, through the story of the Bog Baby.



**English**

In English the children will be retelling the story of The Bog Baby through drama and publishing their own Bog Baby books. They will be developing the skills to evaluate and improve their own work. They will be listening to and reading stories by a variety of authors (Cressida Cowell/Ruth Brown-Year 2, Jeanne Willis/Oliver Jeffers-Year 1), discussing which they like/dislike and making links. They will be writing instructions and information texts about looking after pets. They will continue to develop their reading skills during phonics and guided reading lessons. Phonics and spelling patterns will also continue to be taught.

**Maths** In Year 1 the children will be reading, writing and ordering numbers to at least 20, counting forwards and backwards in steps of 1's, 2's and 5's. They will be learning to add and subtract within 20 and beginning to recall these facts. They will also find out about properties of shapes. Year 2 children will also be developing their understanding of place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division. They will also be solving problems with money. There will be lots of opportunities to increase their fluency within number and also their ability to reason.

**Computing**

The children will be developing their skills of coding by writing instructions to program floor robots. They will also be creating posters and developing their data handling skills using the laptops.

**Science**

The children will be looking at the local wildlife and considering what living things need to survive and how to look after pets. They will also create their own habitat for 'The Bog Baby'. During walks around the locality the children will be looking for seasonal changes. We will also be having a visit from a local vet.

**Personal Development**

This term the children will be thinking about how they are becoming Powerful Learners. Through 'The Bog Baby' we will also discuss what makes a 'safe and happy place'. The children will think about how we can make Frome a safe and happy town.

**P.E.**

This term the children will be developing their ball skills when learning invasion games and developing sequences of shapes in gymnastics. They will also be working hard in circuit training.

**Geography**

During the topic the children will be going on a Bog Baby hunt looking at the physical and human features of the local area. They will also be following, drawing and creating 2D/3D maps with symbols.

**Music**

The children will be learning songs to perform for Harvest and Christmas. They will also add accompaniments to songs, adding actions and learning to keep a steady beat.

**Art and DT**

The children will be using textiles to create their own Bog Babies. They will also be developing their drawing skills of animals and buildings which will help them produce resist paintings. We also hope to create a large mural and pictures using natural materials. In DT we will be baking different types of bread.

**History**

Following our walks around the local area the children will be looking at some of the ways that Frome has changed over the years.

**R.E.**

During these lessons the Year 2 children will be answering the question 'How do we celebrate our journey through life?' They will consider special occasions and celebrations in our lives and how other religions recognise these events. Year 1 will be looking at the importance of special books and places in different cultures.