

YEAR 2 LEARNING OVERVIEW FOR PARENTS TERMS 5 & 6: Where the Wild Things Are

Reading

Reading will continue to take place daily in Terms 5 and 6. Five Read Write Inc. sessions a week will be dedicated to phonics, fluency, comprehension and inference. We will read books throughout our school day to develop a love of reading through 'Stop, Drop and Read'. We will continue to promote reading with our daily story time at the end of each day.

Writing

Using our quality key texts, the children will continue to develop important key writing skills in a range of styles. The children will be taught to use a range of punctuation (including apostrophes and commas in a list), to write in a consistent tense, to use a range of connectives and to spell the Year 1 and Year 2 words accurately.

Mathematics

In maths, the children will be learning to recognise and find quarters, halves and three quarters and will be measuring length, height, weight, volume, temperature and learning to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes. We will learn to use tallies in statistics. Each week, we will be practising key fluency skills.

Science

In science, the children will be learning about animals and plants. We will be learning about how fish have adapted to suit their environment and will be able to describe how energy is transferred through different food chains. We will also explore microhabitats. The children will investigate the needs of a plant by growing their own seeds and beans.

History

In history, Year 2 will be exploring seaside holidays from the past and will compare this with their knowledge of the seaside now. The children will learn about seaside clothing, forms of transport, attractions and activities. They will have the opportunity to explore and learn about bathing stations, puppet shows and steam trains.

Geography

In geography, Year 2 will compare Eastbourne to an area of Bali, studying the physical and human features of Bali, including the population, languages spoken, weather and volcanoes, and will compare this to their knowledge of their local town. The children will use photos, maps and Google Earth to investigate the areas.

Art & DT

In DT, the children will explore how sliding mechanisms work and will design and make their own sliding mechanism based on Where The Wild Things Are.. In Art, Year 2 will learn about William Morris. The children will explore different types of printing techniques and will print their own repeating image in the style of William Morris.

PE

PE will be taught twice a week. With the Brighton & Hove sports coaches, the children will be exploring athletics & tennis. With their class teacher, the children will be learning all about the netball and rugby. We will learn about passing, footwork and the rules of the game before playing the game in teams.

MFL

Modern Foreign Languages are so important when living in such a diverse world. After learning to count and to use simple words and phrases, Year 2 will be learning to extend their vocabulary using the topics 'In The Jungle' and 'In My Town'. We will also explore popular nursery rhymes in French.

PSHE and Computing

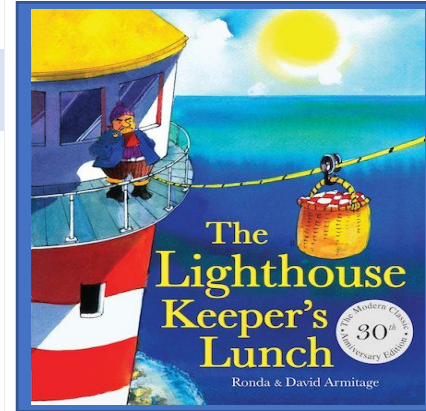
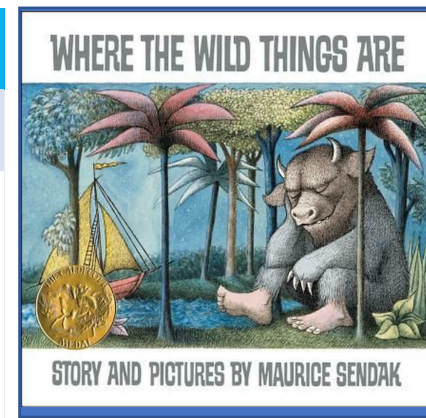
We will focus on relationships and changes. We will explore the meaning of friendship and how to resolve conflicts. We will learn about life cycles and how animal & humans change as they grow older. More information will be sent to parents regarding the content of our RSE lessons. We will be programming sprites with multiple instructions during Computing.

RE

In RE, we will be focusing on Islam and Judaism. The children will begin by learning about mosques and how these special buildings provide Muslims with a sense of belonging. In Term 6, the children will explore the Jewish religion and the Rites of Passage called Bar and Bat Mitzvah. They will use this knowledge to evaluate how they show commitment in their lives.

Music

Following the Charanga scheme of learning, the children will be focusing on two songs – 'Friendship Song' and 'Reflect, Rewind and Replay'. We will spend time appraising music, learning songs, playing tuned and untuned instruments and experimenting with combinations of sounds.



Creative project Ideas:

1. Make a Wild Thing hand puppet
2. Make a poster or an information leaflet for tourists visiting Eastbourne
3. Plan and make a healthy meal
4. Make a microhabitat for a mini beast
5. Design and create a moving mechanism
6. Use a map to plan a journey to the seaside

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KEY TEXTS WE READ:

Where the
Wild Things
Are
Insect Soup
Bees
Seaside
Poems
The
Lighthouse
Keeper's
Lunch
Greta & the
Giants