

Year 2 Terms 5 and 6

Welcome to Year 2 and the summer term. As you are aware term 5 is the time that the children in Year 2 will be sitting their SATs tests. We would like just to reassure you that this is done in a supportive and calm environment. The children are very used to doing short tests under test conditions and this has become part of their normal end of term routine. The SATs tests are used as a small part of a larger picture that enables the class teacher to make a final teacher judgement at the end of key stage 1. There are lots of example papers online if you would like to look at the content of these tests in more detail, (Google KS1 SATS tests past papers). It is envisaged that the tests will take place over the following period: Wednesday 8th May until Wednesday 15th May.

TOPICS

Our topics in terms 5 and 6 will be 'My World and Me' and 'Where I Live'. We will be looking at the wider world and the seven continents as well as closer to home and where we live.



Literacy

In literacy we will be studying the features of information texts. We will be answering the questions: Does Chocolate Grow on Trees? and What's the Most Unusual Place to Live? We will be using flow charts, glossaries and pictures to create our own information text. We will also be looking at poetry and linking this with animals from around the world.



Maths

In the summer term, we will be covering multiplication and division (sharing) as well as data handling, 3D shape, and telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes; we will also be developing our mental maths skills as well as problem solving.

We will be identifying and comparing the suitability of a variety of everyday materials for particular uses, finding out how the shapes of solid objects made from some

Science

materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. We will also be investigating how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants,

Religious Education

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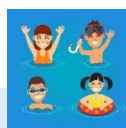
In term 5 we will be looking at the question: What is the 'Good News' Christians believe Jesus brings? In term 6 we will be looking at the question: What makes some places sacred to believers?

We will attempt to answer these questions by studying relevant texts in the bible and making connections with the children's everyday lives. We will look at places of worship that are important to Christians, Jews and Muslims. If you have a good knowledge and practise any of these religions, then we would love to invite you to come and talk about it in Year 2.

Physical Education

During term 5 children will continue to attend Cheltenham College for Forest School on a Thursday morning with Mrs Ralph and on a Friday afternoon with Mr Allison when the children will be learning to play cricket.

In term 6 the children will attend Cheltenham College on a Monday for swimming lessons and we will have 2 more cricket sessions.



Computing

Children will be searching the internet and finding out information about the world we live in. They will be looking at the climate in different parts of the world and comparing it to our local area. We will also be making an information book about animals from different parts of the world.

We will be linking this to our topic and will produce pictures based on animals from

Art/Design & Technology

around the world, using observation skills and selecting different media to produce pictures. In term 6 we will look at our current playground area and will design and create a model of a new playground, selecting and using different materials.

P.S.H.E

Our topic up until half-term will be "Healthy and Safer Lifestyles". This will be followed by "Sex and Relationships Education" (you will receive a separate letter about this nearer the time).



Pitch

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The children will listen to classic rock songs and learn about singing and playing

Music

together in an ensemble. We will also be thinking about pulse, rhythm and pitch.

Other Information:

On May 21st we will be taking the children to Nature in Art. They will have the opportunity to watch an artist in residence, take part in a printing workshop, and create art inspired by the artist Andy Goldsworthy. There will be free time to visit the gallery and sculptures as well as the chance for the children to have fun playing outside in the beautiful grounds.