

English

This half term, we will be reading the story 'Cinnamon' by Neil Gaiman. It is a story set in India and all our writing will be based on it.

We will be completing two pieces of writing. The first one will be a letter which we will send to children at an International School in India and the second piece of writing will be a narrative, retelling the story of 'Cinnamon'. We will be working on understanding new vocabulary, understanding how a character is feeling, describing settings as well as using different punctuation such as commas in lists, apostrophes for contraction and omission as well as using the past tense consistently. For all our writing we will continue to work on our main year 2 objectives: using conjunctions such as because, and, so and but to join our sentences, using noun phrases (where an adjective is added before a noun) and of course remembering the basics we learnt in year 1 such as capital letters and full stops.

Maths

In maths, we will be telling the time. Children in year 2 need to be able to read the time to the nearest 15 minutes (o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to). We would be grateful if you could consolidate that at home as well. We will also move on to reading time to the nearest 5 minutes.

We will also be learning about fractions— learning about equal and unequal parts, finding and recognising halves, quarters, three-quarters and thirds.

Adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers, including bridging tens. We will work with visual representations to work out answers.

In arithmetic lessons we will continue to revise number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 and we will continue to practise our times tables (x2, x5 and x10).

Science

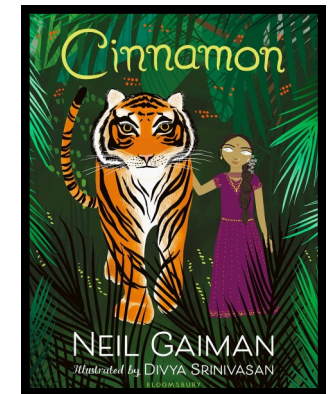
This half term we are learning more about animals. We will talk about reproduction and name adult animals and their babies as well as life cycles of animals (for example egg-chick-chicken).

We will also classify animals by what they eat: herbivores, carnivores and omnivores.

Due to the two lockdowns we had over the last year, we will also ensure that we consolidate some of the year 1 objectives which are the foundations for further learning, such as the different animal types.



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History

In history we will be learning about the Stone Age. We will learn about our human ancestors and that they were nomadic peoples. We will explore the way people lived as hunters and gatherers. We will learn about the first tools that nomadic people used and the cave paintings they drew to communicate. We will look at the stone age village of Skara Brae and find out what we can learn about the changes in lifestyle during the stone age period.

Art

In art we will be working with clay. We will be exploring how to shape clay and join clay shapes together. We will make a small pinch pot design and make a clay tile. We will use tools to create patterns and effects on our clay tiles.

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PE Day: Friday

Homework: Sent on Friday, due back on Tuesday.

Book changing: Please see your child's reading diary for their book changing day.

Suggested books to read

Cinnamon—Neil Gaiman
Little People, BIG DREAMS Mahatma Gandhi - Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara
A True Book India - Scholastic

RE

In RE, we are learning about Sikhism. We will learn about celebrating Guru Nanak's birthday as a community, explore the way in which pictures of Gur Nanak communicate Sikh's feelings for him and explore the meaning of some Sikh symbols.

PSHE

In PSHE, the unit is 'Safety and the Changing body'. We will be exploring personal boundaries, naming private body parts, and discussing keeping secrets. We will also learn about road safety and begin to understand how to stay safe with medicines.

Suggested websites to visit

Chester Zoo to watch animals <https://www.chesterzoo.org/virtual-zoo/>
Belmont Farm—NW7 1QT
Gurdwara
Museum of London—Stone Age /prehistoric objects