

Year Two Topics – Summer Term 2017

This term Year 2 will continue to use story maps to help us improve our writing. We are going to be planning and then writing a recount of our session with Emma from the RSPB this week. Later this term we will be writing as Mary Anning about her fossil discoveries at Lyme Regis.

In our guided maths sessions, we will focus on topics specifically tailored for smaller group work. We will be finding out the best ways of tackling maths problems and discussing the most successful methods of problem solving. I will be setting regular maths challenges to complete using Education City at home. This will help to consolidate what they have been learning in class.

Our current Humanities topic is Australia. We are going to be comparing the UK and Australia and learning about the physical features, landmarks and native animals of Australia. So, if they get the chance to research this topic at home, it would really help their learning in class. Finally, we will be creating a piece of artwork using the techniques used in aboriginal dot paintings.

The Science topic this term is 'Materials'. We will be undertaking some scientific investigations to find out what materials are used in our environment. We will be researching how materials are recycled and an activity sheet will be sent home with the children to record how we recycle at home.

In History, we will be learning about Mary Anning and her contribution to science. We hope to attend a morning workshop at the County Museum in early June to learn more about her life and discoveries. We will walk to and from the museum returning in time for lunch. This will be used as the stimulus for our writing in role as Mary Anning.

In Music, we will be learning new songs and discovering rhythm using percussion instruments to create rhythmic patterns. We will be learning about how sounds are made. We will then design and create our own musical instrument linking to DT, more information about this will be sent home nearer the time.

Our summer term is an exciting one for sport, as there will be weekly sessions with our visiting Sports Coach and also swimming lessons in St Mary's outdoor pool. Don't forget, the children will need to have their swimming kit every day in the last half-term.

Reading at home really helps your child in school, if you can make some time to read regularly with your child, it will be of great benefit and we all enjoy a good book!

Mrs Gannon and the Year 2 Team.

SCIENCE

The class will explore the way everyday materials are used. They will explore in and outside the classroom to find out how materials are used in the school environment and suggest uses for a chosen material. They will then carry out experiments to test how materials change shape and learn about how materials are recycled. This will lead on to learning about how new materials help to improve our lives.

NUMERACY

The children will work to become more confident in: number and place value; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; fractions and their equivalents; different units of measurement; properties of shapes; position and direction in geometry; and statistics. The class will continue to work on arithmetic and reasoning problems collaboratively

LITERACY

The class will work on their creative writing skills this term, linking to an author. They will also continue to work on other forms of writing recounts about real events – RSPB visit and Mary Anning. The children will be writing instructions for making a musical instrument and linking to our Jurassic Coast theme - fossil poems. They will continue to work on improving their handwriting, grammar and punctuation by accessing tools in the classroom independently.

ICT

The pupils will continue to use Education City in the classroom and for set homework tasks. The children will also learn about technology beyond school and internet safety.

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MUSIC

The class will be singing and playing instruments. They will be focussing on how instruments make sound and pitch.

PE

The children will continue weekly sessions with a Sports Coach and undertake swimming lessons in the outdoor pool.

GEOGRAPHY

The children will be learning about Australia and comparing the Jurassic Coast with the coastline of Australia. They will be finding and recording facts about animals native to Australia and their habitat and describing a famous landmark in Australia. They will examine aboriginal artwork and create a painting using learnt techniques.

HISTORY

The class will be learning about Mary Anning, her life and work. It is hoped the children will be visiting the County Museum to learn about Mary Anning and her contribution to palaeontology.

ART/DT

The class will be creating a painting based on themes in Australian aboriginal art. In music, the children will be making a musical instrument.