



Let's Explore the World



Our topic this half term is Let's Explore the World. It is a topic linked closely to our Year 2 Geography Curriculum. Children will learn to use an atlas to find out about the world's continents. They will revisit the four cardinal compass points, and use a key to read a map. They will locate the equator, the Northern and Southern Hemispheres and the North and South Poles. Children will learn that hot places are closer to the equator and cold areas are further away. They child will know the term temperate and identify areas of the world with a temperate climate.

They will compare England to Somalia in Africa to find similarities and differences. Through this comparison, they will communicate with children from a school in Somalia as part of Computing through sending emails and video conferencing. They will learn to understand similarities and differences through appearance, lifestyle and religion. This will be part of our RE this half term, where children will explore different religions with a focus on Islam. In Art children will further develop skills through exploring African Art and making their own Kente cloth.

English

In English, we will explore quality texts from around the world.

We will look at both fiction and non-fiction books using range of skills to ensure that the children explore the depth of meanings in the texts they read.

They will further develop skills in reading and writing. This includes blending to read and building their fluency and pace. Reading for meaning is very important as well as improving sentence structure in writing and using punctuation such as capital letters and full stops correctly.

Maths

In Maths, we will focus on place value with numbers to 100. Children will learn to recognise, count and order numbers to 100.

They will use and understand the language of greater than, fewer than and equal to when comparing numbers.

They will partition numbers into tens and ones using a range of concrete objects and pictorial representations.

Science

Our Science will focus on Animals including Humans. Children will continue to name and identify the different animal groups as well as learn about the basic needs of animals. They will find out about what different animals need for survival (water, food and air). Part of the topic will also focus on the importance of exercising and leading a healthy balanced life for humans. They will describe the right amounts of different types of food humans need and explore the significance of hygiene. Children will have the opportunity to work scientifically and focus on gathering and recording data to help in answering questions.

PSHE

As part of our health and well-being, drugs and education topic in PSHE, the children will be looking at drugs and exploring ways to stay safe around medicine. This is very important to the well-being of our children and we would appreciate if you further discuss the importance of being vigilant around medicine and household objects like cleaning products.

Children will also be taught different ways of leading a healthy life style including self-hygiene and healthy eating and remaining active.

Special Events/Activities/News

As part of our Let's Explore the World topic, if your child has travelled anywhere abroad or to a different city, please can you send your child to school with any photographs and/or any memorable souvenirs that they bought back with them. At school we will discuss childrens' experiences of travelling and locate the different cities and countries using maps.

Reminder

Children will be doing PE every Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing a PE kit and that all items are clearly labelled.

Our Rosehill PE kit is a plain white t-shirt, black tracksuit bottoms or shorts and sensible sports footwear (trainers or pumps). We encourage children to wear the correct PE kit.

Please send in a water bottle to school and make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle.

The children have access to their water bottle throughout the school day. This helps keep them hydrated and supports learning and concentration levels.

Please ensure that children bring their reading books every day and homework folders from Wednesday as they will be changed weekly.

We look forward to seeing you all and having a fantastic year together.

The Year 2 Team 😊