

English: We are Authors

Writing: As authors this half term the children will become poets! We are writing a poem called 'If I were in Charge of the World' based on a poem by Judith Viorst. We will also learn about letter writing using a text called 'This is how we do it' by Matt Lamothe.

Reading: For our class text we are continuing with 'James and the Giant Peach' by Roald Dahl.

Reading- Reading sessions will focus on developing children's vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation and retrieval skills through discussion-based learning. We will explore a range of poetry, fiction and non-fiction texts throughout the half term, based on our enquiry or seasonal events. For example 'Noa and the Little Elephant' by Michael Foreman, 'Children Just Like Me' (DK) and 'Bodhi sees the world' by Marisa Aragon Ware.

Spellings: - your child will be given approximately 8 common exception words each week to practise. There will be no formal spelling test but we will look at these words each Friday. The children benefit hugely from being familiar with them.

How can you help at home? Listen to your child read at least 4 times a week; share a book or a text with your child and practice their weekly spellings.

RE: We are Philosophers

What is important for Muslim families?

In this unit the children will learn about what Muslim families enjoy doing and what is important to them. We will also learn about Muhammad (PBUH) is.



How are schools the same? **Year 2, Spring 1**

Enquiry:

How are schools the same?

As Geographers, we will be learning about our local area and comparing its features to Mantin in Malaysia. We will be using the language of physical and human geography to look at similarities and differences. We will also be learning about the continents and oceans.

As Artists, we will be learning about primary and secondary colours and how to mix these using paint.

Our challenge will be to create a poster to show how the schools we have looked at are the same.

Maths: We are Mathematicians

This half term we will be continuing to look at addition and subtraction, learning different strategies for how to cross the 10.

We will also learning about adding 3 numbers together and then how to add and subtract 2-digit numbers.

How can you help at home? Help your child apply their maths in practical situations. Practise counting objects in 2s and 5s. Ask for your child's help when adding simple numbers in the shop, or working out items for dinner etc. Have a look at the simple maths games on www.topmarks.co.uk

Wellbeing: We are Philosophers

We will be looking at the story "Chicken Clicking" by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross to understand more about online safety.

Music: We are Musicians

As musicians, we will learn about Malaysian orchestral and instrument families, listen to some traditional Malaysian music and learn about a more modern Malaysian composer; Adeline Wong.

PE: We are Athletes

Outdoor PE/Games: Ball skills

Indoor PE: Dance

Children should come to school wearing their smart PE kit on their PE day.

Ask your child:
What have you been today?
How have you been a mathematician or an author today?
What have you enjoyed being today and why?

Year 2 Learning at Home: Spring 1 – How are schools the same?

WEEKLY NON-NEGOTIABLES: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read at least 4 times a week. Ask an adult to sign your reading record each time you read.• Practise your spellings at least 3 times a week	Recommended Reads: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Noa and the Little Elephant – Michael Foreman• A School like mine – Dorling Kinsley• My School, Our World – Susan Hughes• Children just like me – Zahavit Shalev, Penny Smith• Bodhi sees the world – Marisa Aragon Ware	
Optional Homework 1 Write a letter to find out information about something of your choice.	Optional Homework 2 Find out about Malaysian traditions and present what you have found.	Optional Homework 3 Paint a picture of a Malaysian animal and find out some facts about it.

If you would like to share any optional homework in school, please ensure it is in school by Monday 10th February 2025.

Important Dates:

Tues 7th Jan: Back to School

Thurs 6th Feb: School Movie Night? TBC (organised by Friends)

Wb 10th Feb: Online Safety Week

Wb 17th Feb: HALF TERM

Mon 24th Feb: INSET Day