

English: We are Authors

Writing: As authors this half term we will have a focus on writing a non-chronological report about a country, particularly looking at Singapore.

We will look at the features included in a non-chronological report and then create our own about a country linked to the enquiry.

Reading: For our class text we are continuing with 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl.

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Spellings: The children will continue to be given 8 words to learn each week. These may be words related to our enquiry or words we are finding difficult on a regular basis (as a class). 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.

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Music: We are Musicians

As musicians, we will learn about making sounds with our voices and with objects. We will create background sounds to accompany our enquiry presentations.

PE: We are Athletes

Outdoor PE/Games: Tennis

Indoor PE: Dance

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Year 2, Summer 1

As Geographers, we will be learning the continents and oceans. We will look at the four points of the compass and what countries are to the North, South, East and West of the UK. We will think about what human and physical features we would see if we travelled over an ocean to another country.

As Engineers, we will design and create prototypes of air or water vehicles that might be used in the future.

Our challenge will be to plot an overseas journey on a map and present our vehicle and journey in a film.

Maths: We are Mathematicians

This half term we will begin to look at money, thinking about pounds and pence and then counting with money. We will be able to make and compare different amounts.

We will then look at multiplication and division, counting and adding equal groups, putting things into groups and sharing things out. We will also look at doubling and halving, odd and even numbers.

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Wellbeing: We are Philosophers

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RE: We are Philosophers

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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: Summer 1 – How will we get around in the future?

WEEKLY NON-NEGOTIABLES: -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"> - '2030: A day in the life of tomorrow's kids', - 'Planes and Rockets and Things that fly' by Richard Scarry, - 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels' by Quentin Blake. - 'Emma Jane's Aeroplane' by Katie Haworth - 'Green Transportation' - 'Singapore: Travel for kids' 	
Optional Homework 1 An Interview! Speak to your parents, grandparents, neighbours, friends... people who have experienced different ways to travel. Ask them some questions about how transport has changed and what they can remember about vehicles in the past.	Optional Homework 2 Facts about a country Have you been overseas? Or is there a country you would LOVE to visit? Can you find out some facts about that country – which continent is it in? What is their flag like? Do they have a traditional food? What is the capital city? etc.	Optional Homework 3 Design a car or bike for the future We will be designing an air or water vehicle in school so how about designing your own car or bike? What will it look like? What will it be able to do?

If you would like to share any optional homework in school, please ensure it is in school by Wednesday 21st May

Important Dates:

Tues 22nd April: INSET Day
 Thurs 8th May: Swimming starts (every Thursday)
 Tues 13th May: Class photos
 Fri 16th May: Drama workshop
 Fri 23rd May: Last day of the half term
 Mon 2nd June: Back to school