

Year 2 - Street Detectives

This way or that way? Where should we go? Up to the local shops or down to the playing fields? Let's learn about our local community, looking at houses old and new and finding out how our streets have changed since our mums and dads were young.

Maths:

This half term Year 2 will be consolidating their understanding of addition and subtraction, using either a number line or column addition. Once the children have a good understanding of the skill then we will apply it to problem solving situations. After addition and subtraction we will be moving onto multiplication and division of 2, 5 and 10. If the children know their timetables of 2, 5 and 10, this will be very helpful. The children will be exploring multiplication and division arrays and groupings to develop their understanding of multiplication and division.

Art & Design:

The children will be looking at a variety of artists that draw, paint and create pictures of urban landscapes. They will take some ideas from these artists and create their own urban landscape.

RE:

This half term we will be looking at the Parable of the Mustard Seed, and exploring ideas from this. We will be thinking about safe places, and how the message of God has been spread. Leading up to Christmas, we will be looking at the story of the Nativity.

Physical development:

The children will learn different balance and co-ordination techniques, by creating their own sports games.

English:

We begin the term with poetry. Year 2 will be looking at traditional nursery rhymes, such as 'Hot Cross Buns'. The children will use this to create their own nursery rhyme. Later in the term we come back to poetry and look at the poem 'The Sound Collector'. The children will be creating their own poems based on the sounds they hear in their local community. Another genre of writing we cover this term is instruction writing, where the children look at creating a map and directions from Little Red Riding Hood's house to Grandma's house. We finish the term looking at persuasive letter writing.

Computing:

The children will be learning how to touch type on a keyboard. They will be using different programmes to practice their typing skills. They will also be looking at programming a Bee-Bot to follow instructions.

PSHE: The children will be looking at how we are different from each other and celebrating these differences. They will investigate how to spot if someone is being bullied and what they can do to stop this or help.

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SRE: The children will learn how to tell the difference between a boy and a girl and to learn the scientific names of body parts.

Science:

This half term in Science, Year 2 will be investigating seeds and bulbs. We will be asking the question – Why do bulbs begin to grow in the winter? The children will be sorting seeds and bulbs into groups, planting their own and observing how they grow. The children in Year 2 will be keeping their own bulb diary and analysing their results.

Geography/History:

We will be using simple compass directions to describe locations on a map of the school. The children will be identifying key features of our local area. In History, Year 2 will be looking at pictures from the past and present of our local area, and comparing them.