

English

There will be four main components to our English lessons each week in Key Stage 2. Statutory spellings and spelling rules will be taught daily using 'spell shed', a progressive scheme that builds on children's current knowledge. Handwriting (letter join) will also be integrated into these daily sessions. . The children will also be learning and recalling grammar skills using 'grammarsaurus.' These skills will be expanded on in writing lessons. Every morning after registration, the children will be accessing shared guided reading sessions for 20 minutes daily.

In our writing lessons, we will be focusing on a new current class book, which is called 'The Unforgotten Coat' by Frank Cottrell. This book is a heart-warming story about two refugee brothers who are trying to navigate British life all whilst hiding from a mysterious 'demon' leading to a shocking reveal about their true status and forced return.

Maths

Each day in Maths we will complete 10 differentiated arithmetic questions that will be marked with the children so they can check and understand the variety of methods used.

This term the topic for maths is focus shifts, in order to solidify key stage 2 concepts, heavily emphasizing fractions, decimals, percentages, ratio and proportion. , The children will continue to work with a scheme called NCETM which is run by the Yorkshire Ridings Maths Hub.

Adventurers also have a challenge/games station what they are encouraged to use in order to build on their knowledge, the challenge station includes various manipulative and challenge cards as well as some fun maths games!

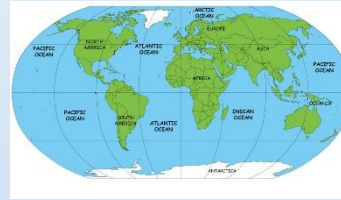
Our new topic this term is "Why do oceans matter?' We will be focusing on how vital oceans are in order to give us oxygen, climate control, habitats, food and medicine, water cycles, jobs and transport and fun! We will also be focusing on what we can do to help keep them clean and safe.

Computing

For ICT this term, Investigators will be concentrating on Micro bit. .

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Our Topic: 'Why Do Oceans Matter?'



RE

Our new topic this term is: the benefits of expressing beliefs in arts and architecture verses the benefits of expressing them through charity and generosity.

Music

For music, the children will be learning about dynamics, pitch and texture and the composition to represent colour.

Mr Butterfield and Mrs Bond from North Yorkshire music service also offer private or group music lessons, please see Mrs Barron for more information.

Science

The topic for the first half term is forces including simple machines. In the second half term of the spring term, the children will be working on classification.

PE

Our new topic for PE is Invasion games (attacking and defending). PE will take place on a Tuesday afternoon, lead by HAWKES. **On Thursday afternoons, the children will be going swimming so a swimming kit is required on this day!**

Art & D&T

Investigators will be working on drawing 'I need Space' which will give the children the opportunity to develop drawn ideas through print making by exploring the purpose and effect of imagery. .

French

This term our focus in French will be clothes.

PSHE

The children will continue to take part in the scheme, 'My Happy Mind' alongside our PSHE lessons which will aim to help develop the children's confidence, self esteem and resilience.