

Curriculum Overview for Year 2 pupils – Term 2

Theme title: Who's awake at night?

Launch pad event: Owl visit and art carousel

English <i>Please ensure guided reading books are brought to school daily.</i>	This term we will start the term by looking at different shape poems and write our own. Then we will be reading and writing fairy tales - we will be focusing on sentence punctuation, characters and settings. We will also be looking at the common themes and characters, eg witches and fairies; repeated phrases; settings that are in the woods, cottage, or palace. The children will learn to write their own version of a classic fairy tale. We will also learn how to follow and write a set of instructions. Children will focus on time connectives.	
Maths	In Maths this term we will start to focus on the two, ten and five times table. The children will learn how to partition two digit numbers to add them and solve addition problems involving money. They will be learning to find coins for different amounts and learn how to give the least amount of coins to pay for an item. The children will learn to name, describe and compare 3d shapes according to their properties.	
Science	The children will explain the basic stages in a life cycle for animals. They will learn and describe the basic needs for what animals need to survive. They will discover that there are different types of animals and animals can be classified by their features.	<u>Cross-curricular links</u> - Life-cycles - Sorting
Geography	The children will be naming the world's oceans and locating them on a map. They will know the continents of the world and where to find them. They will also look at time zones and how there are shorter daylight hours in the Arctic and Antarctica.	<u>Cross-curricular links</u> - Connectives - Description/use of adjectives - Labels and lists
History	The children will learn all about Guy Fawkes and how he plotted to blow up the Houses of Parliament. The children will explore different sources of information and use them to answer hopscotch questions.	<u>Cross-curricular links</u> - New vocabulary - Drama and role play
Computing	The children will learn what an algorithm is (a set of instructions). The children will initially give oral instructions to a 'human robot' then type instructions into a programmable toy to make it move along a set route. They will predict the outcome of a sequence, design, make and test a map then learn to debug a sequence.	
Art	The children will give their opinions about a Van Gogh piece of artwork. They will sketch features seen at night time and use these to create their own night time picture through printing.	
Design & Tech	The children will be looking at different types of puppets. They will then design their own hand puppet and use a needle and thread to sew their puppet together.	
PE	<u>Tag Rugby</u> – The children will be taught to pass a rugby ball sideways and backwards. They will be taught to understand how a try is scored in Tag Rugby and to develop a range of defensive and attack strategies used in Tag Rugby. <u>Dance</u> - The children will use their imagination to think of dance moves inspired by The Gunpowder Plot.	
Music	In Music, the children will be learning what the term 'duration' means. They will understand how to listen for and make long and short sounds. They will then use what they know to tell a short story through music and pictures.	
RE	This term the children will be learning about Judaism. They will be learning about things that are precious to them as well as things that are precious in a Jewish home. They will be learning about different Jewish celebrations.	
P.S.H.E	In PSHE the children will learn how to care for themselves and follow a healthy lifestyle. They will learn why it is important to look after their body and will consider the differences between boys and girls.	

Ways in which you could support this term's curriculum at home:

Books you could read	Places you could visit together	Other activities
The Owl who was afraid of the dark Night monkey day monkey Owl babies Information books about nocturnal creatures.	Wingham wildlife Park (to look at the owls and bats etc.) Drusilla's Park (Eastbourne) Visit London planetarium.	Night gaze with your parents, can you spot different night animals and noises? Look carefully at the stars at night.