

English

This half term our learning will be inspired by Chris Judge's '**The Lonely Beast**'. As we read this lovely book we will learn to empathise with the main character and understand what motivates him on his journey to find friends.

As writers we will recap our non-negotiable skills (capital letters, full stops, finger spaces) before moving onto new learning including expanded noun phrases, conjunctions and different sentence types.

Throughout the term we will apply our learning in a range of different text types including instructions, diaries and postcards.

Computing

Children will recap the process of logging in to their chrome books, logging into PurpleMash and accessing their ToDos on PurpleMash. Our specific focus this term will be creating digital art, using different features of the application 2Paint on PurpleMash.

We will also be following the 2BeSafe programme of learning which teaches the children how to use technology safely and respectfully. This term we will focus on self-image and identify online in addition to discussing the idea of sharing information, what we can share safely and when we need permission to share information.

Geography

Children will be answering the enquiry question What is the Blue Marble? While exploring continents and the oceans. The children will use their map skills to locate and identify the different continents and oceans. They will explore which continents and countries are near the equator and the north and south poles. Furthermore, they will be able to pick out features of the places near the equator and the north and south pole.

Science

This half term in Science, we will explore the fascinating world of animals and discover what living things need to survive. Children will learn about the five main groups of vertebrates—mammals, birds, fish, amphibians and reptiles—comparing their characteristics, similarities and differences. We will finish the unit by focusing on humans, exploring what our bodies need to stay healthy.

Throughout the half term, children will develop their Working Scientifically skills through practical, hands-on investigations. Each lesson will have a clear skills focus, giving pupils opportunities to ask questions, make observations, carry out enquiries, record results and draw conclusions while deepening their scientific knowledge and understanding.

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RE

This half term our focus is God and Faith, we will be looking at our learning through the lens 'Ways of Knowing'.

We will think carefully about special, holy books and recognise their significance to believers. We will identify some similarities and differences between the holy books and the values of the three Abrahamic religions.

Maths

This half term in Maths, we will be developing our understanding of numbers to 100. We will be counting, reading and representing numbers in different ways, using place value grids, and comparing and ordering numbers. We will be practising counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s.

We will also be exploring related number facts and number bonds to 100. We will be comparing number sentences and developing our addition and subtraction skills, including adding and subtracting 1s and 10s, adding a 1-digit number to a 2-digit number, and subtracting a 1-digit number from a 2-digit number.

Music

This half term we be learning how to identify patterns and repetition in music that has been inspired by the sounds and calls of a variety of wild animals.

We will learn how to create our own sound patterns using our voices and simple instruments, before introducing dynamics to increase the complexity of our patterns.

Handwriting

We use Read Write Inc letter formation. Letters all start at the top. It is important that the children learn to start in the correct place and ensure the **ascenders** and **descenders** are clear and proportionate.

We will follow the Year 2 PenPals scheme to introduce some simple horizontal and diagonal joins.

PHSE

This half term in PSHE our focus is on Being Me in My World. As we being a new year in a new class it is an excellent time to focus on ourselves by identifying our place in the social environment. We will think about the rights and responsibilities we each have as a member of a Year 2 class, as well as the rewards and consequences we may experience as a result of the choices we make. We also take the time to think about ourselves, our hopes and worries, and identify strategies that we use to calm ourselves, including naming our trusted adults.

Art

This term our focus artist will be Dame Magdalene Odundo, a fabulous British (Kenyan-born) potter. We will study Dame Magdalene's work and identify the features and colours that stand out to us before learning the skills that are needed to create our own post inspired by Dame Magdalene.

We will use the skills of coiling, stacking and slip and score to create our pots before painting our final products and displaying them for our families in our own Warden Hill Infant Art Gallery.

PE

In gymnastics this half term we will focus on the key concepts of 'Balance and Travel', using simple apparatus as well as developing our floor work skills. In our outdoor PE sessions we will be focusing on footwork and developing strong, static, one-legged balances. Teamwork, perseverance and personal development will be at the heart of our PE learning.