

Spring in Year 2

This half term in Year 2, we will be exploring the themes of 'Passions and Dreams' through our curriculum, assemblies and continuous provision. Children will continue to visit Forest School and we will have two 'family group' sessions, where children visit classes from their previous and future year groups.

Passions

Children will discover that our passions are the things that excite us. People who have found their passion, get great joy from spending their time on it. Even though following a passion can involve lots of hard work and sacrifice, having a passion is great for our wellbeing as it can bring us happiness and motivate us to keep learning and improving. Most importantly, children will be encouraged to be reflective, self-aware and open to new experiences so that they might discover their own passions.

Dreams

Children will learn that dreams are hopes for the future are often linked to our passions. Following your dreams means exploring what excites you and working to make your dreams come true. Children will learn about the great contributions made by people following their dreams in areas such as science, sport, literature and humanitarian causes. We will consider our own dreams for the future and the small steps we can take towards them.

English

We will be reading and following a range of instructions texts, before writing some instructions of our own. In keeping with our 'passions' topic, children will be asked to think about what they enjoy doing and write instructions for others to follow that are linked to their passions.

We will also read a range of biographies that detail the lives of people who have followed their dreams, such as the pilot Amelia Earheart and the boxer Muhammed Ali. We will have a go at planning and writing biographies using time connectives and the new vocabulary we have learned through our reading.

Maths

In Maths our focus will be on money. Children will learn the value of coins and notes, and they will use them to make given values and solve problems with money. They will add values to find totals and subtract to calculate how much change should be given. You can support with this at home by looking at coins and notes together and asking children to help pay for items in shops. Later in the half term, we will move on to multiplication and division. We will focus on the two, five, ten and three times tables, working towards quick retrieval of multiplication facts initially.

Science

In Science we will continue to think about materials, by exploring the suitability of materials for different purposes. We will investigate and compare waterproof and absorbent materials and use clay to investigate changing states of materials and the ways in which materials can be reshaped.

Computing

Our main focus will be coding. Children will learn how to use programmable toys and how to create algorithms to direct on-screen sprites. This links to our 'instructions' work in English. Children will learn the importance of being 'precise' in their commands.

Geography

We will briefly revisit the four countries of the United Kingdom and their capitals before thinking about hot and cold areas of the world and their relation to the equator. We will learn about the four points of the compass and follow instructions, using a compass to guide us.

RE

'Special Books' is our first RE topic. We'll start by thinking about books that are important to us. We will move on to thinking about the Christian, Jewish and Islamic holy books and sharing some stories from them.

PE

The focus is multi-skills and gymnastics. PE days are as follows -

Chameleon: Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Cat: Wednesdays and Fridays

Yeti: Tuesdays and Fridays