

End of Autumn Term in Year 2

This half term we will be exploring the themes of 'Fairness and Change' through our curriculum, assemblies and continuous provision. There are lots of celebrations at this end of the term so bonfire night, Diwali, Hanukah and Christmas will all provide lots of learning opportunities.

Fairness

Children will think about what fairness means to them and what they can do if they feel something is unfair.

Children will learn that fairness does not mean that everybody gets the same, but that everybody gets what they need and that we all have different needs as we are unique individuals. We believe that learning and applying the concept of fairness at an early age will build firm foundations for the development of empathy and sensitivity towards others.

Change

Children will think about the ways that their choices effect changes every day. They will learn about individuals who fought to change things when they saw the world as unfair. They will discuss things that they would like to change and share ideas about how they can make change happen. There will be opportunities for children to make changes through the school council. In helping children to understand that they are powerful creators of their own world; we help them to develop self-esteem, confidence, independence and a sense of self-respect.

English

This half term we will focus on two types of writing; informal letters and recounts. A recount is simply the retelling of an event. Children will recount their own experiences in forest school and make the link to their learning in history, recounting the actions of a famous activist. In letter writing, we will look at letters sent between real people and imagined characters. Children will learn the features of a letter and will write their own letters. Children will learn the four sentence types; statement, command, question and exclamation. They will include these different types of sentences in their letters.

Maths

In Maths our focus will be on addition and subtraction. Children will learn different strategies for adding and subtracting ones, and then tens to a 2-digit number. We will then move on to adding multiples of ten to two digit numbers. Children will use objects and place value equipment initially and, as they become confident, move on to using pictures followed by the introduction of written methods. (See the attached sheet for more details.)

PSHE

We will focus on how to deal with uncomfortable feelings that may arise from disagreements, bullying and secrets. Children will learn ways to deal with these situations and when to ask for help.

History

We will learn about significant individuals such as Rosa Parks and Emmeline Pankhurst who contributed to bringing about positive change. We will use artefacts, picture and books to answer questions about the past.

Music

Our focus will be on rhythm and pitch, we will explore these through movement and percussion instruments. We will also use our voices expressively, learning new songs for our Christmas performance.

Science

Our Science week will focus on materials and their properties. We will learn about Charles Makintosh and how different materials are suitable for different purposes.

PE

The focus is Gymnastics and Dance

Cat: Wednesdays and Thursdays

Yeti: Friday every week. Alternate Mon/Tues

Chameleon: Thursday every week. Alternate Tues/Fri