

### English

This term, we will be learning about a significant children's author, Anthony Browne. By reading his books, we will discover how he successfully tells a five-part story, whilst also incorporating some familiar fairy tales. Throughout the unit, we will be learning how to use dialogue as well as describe different settings and characters. As part of our non-fiction writing, we will be writing a report about our local area, ensuring that we are using new grammatical features, such as conjunctions. We will also enjoy writing our own poems linked to Bonfire Night.

### Science

For our new science topic, Year 2 will be studying living things and their habitats. We will explore our local habitat within the school grounds to identify things that are living and non-living. Then, we will identify a range of different UK habitats, including microhabitats, and name some of the animals and plants that live there. We will be conducting simple investigations that will provide the children with opportunities to collect and record data about the types of microhabitats that mini-beasts like to live in.

### Geography

This term, we will be studying and reading different types of maps. We will be using atlases to revisit directions and learn about human and physical features of geography. This will help us to identify the location of our town, the four countries of the UK and the surrounding seas.

### Maths

Throughout our maths lessons this term, we will be continuing to learn our 2, 5 and 10 times tables, including the related division facts. To do this efficiently and accurately, we will be using equipment and pictorial representations to show our understanding. Continuing on from our work on shapes, we will recap the names and properties of common 3D shapes. We will also learn to recognise coins and notes to solve simple problems and calculations in relation to money.

### Computing

Through creating simple spreadsheets, we will learn how to organise and interpret data, as well as save and retrieve our work. The children will also learn the importance of creating a positive online reputation by sending emails to fictional characters using 2Email on Purple Mash software.

### P.S.H.E.

This term, we will be celebrating our differences, recognising what is right and wrong and finding ways to be a good friend.

**Year 2 Class 5 & 6**  
**Miss Carter, Mrs Pearce & Mrs Abson**

**Term 2: November & December 2023**

**On Our Doorstep**



### Music

During this term, we will be listening to a range of music genres that explore the use of tempo and dynamics. We will have opportunities to sing and perform on tuned instruments to some of these new songs within our lessons.

### P.E.

This term, Mr Barnett will be focussing on basketball, handball and netball skills, including catching and throwing, as well as continuing with gymnastics. A warm PE kit must stay in school for the remainder of the term.

### R.E.

We will be learning about Christianity and the belief of Jesus being a gift from God. Within our R.E. lessons, we will discuss the different roles that we can play in helping and supporting others around us.

### Art

Our new art topic is based on the skills needed for painting. We will be studying the various types of paint artists use, such as watercolours and acrylics, whilst also exploring mixing paints to represent objects and scenes observed in our local area.

### Welcome back, Year 2!

We hope that you have all enjoyed a well-deserved rest over the half-term holidays and are ready for the busy term ahead. As part of our topic work this term, we are looking forward to studying Swindon and hoping to visit some of the local areas on our doorstep that make our town so special. If you would be willing to help us on a walking trip to Town Gardens this term, please speak to your child's teacher or the office, so we can provide you with some more details.

Miss Carter, Mrs Pearce, Mrs Abson & Mr Whyte ☺