English

This term, in Guided Reading, we will be learning about a significant children's author, Anthony Browne. We will use text from his books to practise retrieval, prediction, inference and explanation. We begin our writing with a focus on the features found in poetry, such as rhyming, alliteration and onomatopoeia. We will then write our own poems linked to Bonfire Night and fireworks. As part of our non-fiction writing, we will be writing a recount about our upcoming trip to Town Gardens, ensuring that we are using new grammatical features, such as conjunctions.

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.

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Maths

Throughout our maths lessons this term, we will continue to develop our addition and subtraction skills. We will revisit basic number facts and use these to help us calculate 2-digit equations. We will then apply this knowledge to interpreting simple pictograms and bar graphs. Before the end of term, we will begin to explore how to group objects into equal groups in preparation for us developing our multiplication skills. We will continue to use TTRS to retrieve times table facts quickly and fluently.

Computing

This term we will be giving and following instructions, debugging simple programmes and using the iPads to create our own algorithms (a sequence of instructions). When thinking about e-safety we will talk about our identity and how we can communicate this safely online.

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.

Music

During this term, we will be revisiting how dynamics can help to create atmosphere in music. Inspired by "The Night Ferry", we will be using percussion instruments and simple notation to compose our own piece of music about a storm.

P.E.

This term, Mr Barnett will be focussing on basketball skills, including catching and throwing. A warm PE kit must stay in school for the remainder of the term to allow children to participate in outdoor lessons.

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 focus this term will be using different materials to create 3D sculptures in the style of famous artists. We will study the forms, shapes and textures explored in different pieces of art, which will culminate in the creation of our own clay animal sculpture.

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.

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