

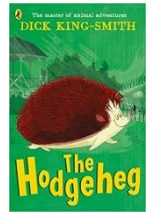


Dear Parents and Carers,

The topic for the second half of Spring Term continues to be 'All Creatures Great and Small'. Please read this letter to find out more about what we will be teaching in each subject area during this half-term. Our website also has more detailed information of how each of these subjects are taught progressively.

English

We will be using the key text 'Hodgeheg' by Dick King-Smith during our English learning this half-term. We will learn the meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary and discuss our opinions on this text, leading to creating a book review. We will learn about how to use commas in a list correctly as well as how to use possessive apostrophes correctly. The Hodgeheg also teaches us a lot about road safety so this will be very useful! We will then be focusing on understanding the differences between fiction and non-fiction texts which will allow the children to learn what the features of non-fiction texts are. We will sequence lessons which will lead to children creating their own non-chronological reports (fact page) about hedgehogs. We very much enjoy linking our English learning to science!



Maths

We will be learning how to divide by using methods of grouping and sharing, linking to our previous knowledge of multiplication. We will then develop our understanding of statistics by creating and interpreting tally charts, pictograms and block charts.

Art

In art we will be learning about the artist 'Anthony Gormley'. We will look at his artwork and develop our understanding about how he has created different sculptures. We will create and use a design to make our own sculpture out of clay (a hedgehog to link to our English learning). We will then reflect on and evaluate our artwork.



R.E

Our R.E focus this half-term is based on developing our understanding of the Easter story. We will focus on re-telling the Easter story and understanding what Jesus' resurrection means for Christians.

Science

In science we will be developing our understanding of what food chains are and learning about the importance of them. We will also be focusing on knowing that animals, including humans, have offspring that grow into adults; simple life cycles.



History

In history we will learn about the life of Dick King-Smith and understand why he is a famous and significant individual. We will use our learnt knowledge of Dick King-Smith's childhood (school life) from the past and compare this to our school lives now in the present.



PE

We are very lucky this half term to have an external provider teach us all about yoga and mindfulness during our PE sessions. Mr Bourne will be teaching striking and fielding; developing throwing and catching skills.

Computing

Our computing focus for this half term will be developing our knowledge and skills we learnt in Autumn 2 (when learning how to create Word Documents) to create our very own PowerPoint! We will be applying our previous knowledge of using different keys correctly including the space bar, shift key, backspace and enter key. We will also be practising previous skills of changing the way text looks and inserting images safely. We will be learning new skills such as inserting a new slide, exploring animations and infilling the background to create an exciting PowerPoint about Dick King-smith (linking to our history learning).

PSHE

The PSHE theme for this half-term is 'Healthy Me'. We will learn about different ways we can keep our bodies and minds healthy including healthy eating, exercise and mindfulness strategies. We will also learn about how to stay safe around medicines and the importance of crossing roads safely.

Music

In music this half-term we will be learning how to play an instrument called an 'ocarina'. We will learn how to correctly hold the ocarina and use the correct amount of pressure when blowing into the instrument to make a noise. We will learn how to read simple symbols to play the correct note and learn how to copy a rhythmic pattern. Finally, we will be thinking about using dynamics (soft and loud) when performing.



Key Dates:

Key dates for your diary	
When?	What?
Week beginning 4th March	World Book Week , including library visits and sponsored read. <i>Please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to help with walking to / from the library.</i> Library Visits: Monday 4 th March, 10.45 – 11.30am (Sycamore) Tuesday 5 th March, 1.30 – 2.15pm (Willow & Maple) Thursday 7 th March, 10.45 – 11.30am (Beech) Thursday 7 th March, 1.30 – 2.15pm (Cedar) Friday 8 th March, 11 – 11.45am (Oak)
Friday 15th March	Comic relief / Red Nose Day
Tuesday 19th March	Robert Miles Club Easter Party (after school)
Week beginning 25th March	Easter celebrations
Monday 25th March	Holi (Hindu festival of spring, love and new life)
Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March	Parents' Meetings (separate letter sent – please check bookbags)

Thursday 28th March – Last day of Spring 2
Easter Holidays start Friday 29th March.
Monday 15th April is an INSET day
Children return to school Tuesday 16th April 2024.

Camp key dates:

Friday 21st June: Final amount to be paid (£38)

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your continued support with the children's learning and events we have in school. Thank you for taking the time to read with your child at home and encourage them to complete their homework.

Kind regards,
The Year 2 Team