



LONG KNOWLE PRIMARY

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Year Two - Autumn

English

We are going to be reading 'Jampires' by Sarah McIntyre and David O'Connell. We will complete Reading and Writing activities based around this book.

Reading

In Reading sessions, we are going to be working on the VIPERS skills (Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explain, Retrieve and Sequence). To check our understanding of what we have read, we will be answering a variety of comprehension questions.

We are using 'Go Read' to log information about our reading at school and at home.

Writing

We are going to write in a range of genres, including descriptions, diaries and letters.

We will have weekly spelling quizzes on Friday mornings.

Please remember to practise!

Geography

In our Geography lessons this term, we will be learning all about where we live.

We will begin by going on a walk around the local area. During the walk, we will observe how land is used around the school. We will also identify some local landmarks.

Aerial images of the local area will be studied. We will identify landmarks, and use grid references.

We will learn how to use the four compass directions (north, south, east and west) to describe location.

Following this, we will create our own map of a community. We will create a key for our map, and use grid references.

We will then compare the physical and human geography of the West Midlands to Sydney, Australia.

Music

This term, we will listen to and appraise different styles of South African music. We will learn how to warm-up our voices and bodies before singing, and we will learn and perform a song which celebrates South African music.

Where we live



Transport



Science

Our topic in Science this term is Animals Including Humans. We will begin by identifying a variety of animals, and we will sort them into the five main animal groups (mammals, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians).

We will learn that animals including humans have offspring which grow into adults. We will also learn that animals including humans need air, water, food and shelter in order to survive.

We will learn about the importance of hygiene and exercise, and the importance of eating the right amounts of different foods.

PE

We will have PE lessons every Tuesday afternoon during the Autumn term, and also on Friday afternoons up until half term. We will be developing our skills in athletics and games.

Please remember to come to school in your PE kit on these days.

RE

In our RE lessons this term, we are going to be looking at stories from the Bible. Later on in the term, we will learn about Islam.

PSHE education

We are going to be using Jigsaw in our PSHE lessons. Our puzzle (unit) for this half term is 'Being Me in My World'. Within this puzzle, we will discuss our hopes and fears for the year. We will also talk about our rights and responsibilities.

Our puzzle for after half-term is called 'Celebrating Difference'.

Maths

In Maths, we will partition 2-digit numbers into tens and ones. We will use Dienes, part-whole models, tens frames, bar models, place value grids and number sentences to represent the number of tens and ones in numbers.

We will compare numbers using the greater than, less than and equals signs, and we will also order numbers.

We are going to practise counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s. **Please practise this at home.**

Later in the term, we will be looking at addition and subtraction facts. We will use our number facts to help us solve larger additions and subtractions.

History

After half-term, we are going to be learning all about transport in our History lessons!

In this topic, we will identify different types of transport, and we will discuss when we would use different types of transport.

We will look at different modes of transport throughout time, and we will create a transport timeline.

We will learn about rail travel, cars and air travel, and we will explore changes over time.

During this topic, we will learn about the Wright Brothers, and about Yuri Gagarin and Neil Armstrong.

Art and Design

In Art lessons this term, we are exploring the formal elements of art. We will create printed patterns using everyday objects. After that, we will take rubbings using different media. We will also explore how to make our drawings look three dimensional.

Computing

In Computing lessons, we are working on our coding skills. We will create some of our own algorithms using 2Code on Purple Mash. We will use repeat and timer commands, and we will also debug simple programs.