



Class Koala
Information for Parents
Autumn Term 2020

Our topic this term is 'OUR WORLD'.

We have started this year by exploring maps, some geographical features. We are currently investigating compass directions and will be moving onto co-ordinates to help us find places on maps. We will look at what maps show and how they are drawn.

The children have also been out in the school grounds and around the building recording patterns they have found. After a discussion of patterns, lines and shapes the children will be designing and making a patterned printing block with which they will print a repeating pattern for their artwork.

The second part of the topic (and term) will involve the children investigating the toys of their world and comparing them to those of the past. This will also include a design and technology unit on making puppets to play with.

Numeracy (MATHS): Year 2 will review addition and subtraction strategies from last year and be introduced to partitioning numbers into tens and units for addition. They will be doubling and halving numbers to 20, exploring both 2D and 3D shapes, using a ruler to measure in centimetres, telling the time to o'clock, half, quarter past and to the hour and handling data to create graphs.

Year 1 children will continue to practise number in games, practical tasks and ICT. We will revisit the formation of numerals to 10, writing number words, calculation within 10 and develop an understanding of the value of numbers to 20 and beyond. The children will further develop their understanding of shape, space and measure; describing properties and solving simple arrays. We will be working on telling the time to the hour and half past.

Literacy (ENGLISH): In English we will be looking at capital letters and full stops and writing sentences of interest. The children will be looking at instructional texts and have an opportunity to follow, give and write instructions for others to follow. We will be reading and writing poems using the techniques of alliteration and onomatopoeia to create effect for the reader. Year 1 children will continue with daily phonics lessons.

RE/ PSHE & the community

We will consider the needs of others and how to look after each other. We will think about our Christian Values - helping each other, using kind words and actions, looking after our classroom and school, telling the truth and thinking about others. How should we behave in school? We will also looking at some places of worship and aspects of the Jewish religion.

Music

This term, we are learning about pulse and rhythm. We will be using rhythm sticks to keep a steady beat and play rhythmically when listening to familiar songs. We will also be copying and developing our own rhythm patterns and will begin to link this to musical notation.

P.E Children will master basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching, as well as developing balance, agility and co-ordination and will begin to apply these in a range of activities and games.

Additional information and reminders -

P.E. will be every Wednesday and Friday this year. Come to school in P.E. kit on these days.

Water bottle; please send a named water bottle for the classroom.

Afternoon snacks; children may bring a healthy snack for the afternoon break (fruit, cereal bars etc.). This should be named and put in the table tubs in the cloak room area. **(Must be NUT FREE)**

Book bags. Please make sure that the book bag is in school daily.

Reading books. Please return each book as it is finished into the daily named tub in the cloak room area.

Homework books. Year 2 - Please return homework books every **MONDAY**. *Year 1 at the end of each half term, e.g. week beginning October 19th and week beginning December 14th 2020.*

Library - we hope to open the library soon with alternate Friday afternoons for the key stages.

Thank you.

Please make sure that we are kept informed of any food allergies.