

Lower Key Stage 2

Summer Term 1 2024



The focus of our English work this half term will be to write instructions based on 'How to slay a Minotaur'. We will unpick the main structure and language features and develop a deeper understanding of using commands. We will also explore different types of poetry and have a go at writing some of our own. Finally, we will be beginning to explore the use of dialogue to develop action in fiction stories. These will be based around a volcanic eruption in Pompeii, where we will revise our history knowledge to help us.

In science, we will be revising the parts of a plant and learning about pollination. We are then moving on to look at and explore different life cycles and each stage of a life cycle. Finally, we will look at different environments and habitats.

Our geography learning this half term will be focused on North America. We will understand the human and physical features that occur in North America and begin to locate them on a map. We will explore the countries of North America and identify the different biomes within these countries. Finally, we will make comparisons between North America and the countries of the United Kingdom.

In PE this half term we will be taking part in rounders and athletics lessons. Giraffes will go swimming on a Tuesday afternoon as their PE session. Please ensure your child has a warm coat/ waterproof coat for the walk to and from the pool.

Reading at home

Please remember it is important to hear your child read at home or share stories with them. The homework policy is to read 5 times a week at home. Your child will bring home a coloured reading book but is also encouraged to read a book for their own enjoyment, for example an information book, a magazine or a poetry book.

Core Texts

We will be exploring a range of poetry this half term.

Some other activities you might like to try at home:

Look up some of the human and physical features in North America.

Can you begin to learn some of the countries in North America and where they are found on a world map?

Research different sculptures that are famous- who designed / made them?

What are they made of? What do they represent or what message do they give?

Homework

Homework will continue to be set on a Thursday and needs to be handed in on a Tuesday. The expectations are:

- Reading with your child, your child reading aloud to you at least 5 times a week
- Maths work every week (up to 30 minutes)
- Learning multiplication table facts 2, 5, 10, 4, 8 and the division facts (Year 3)
- Learning the rest of the multiplication table facts to 12x12 - 3, 6, 9, 7, 11, 12 (Year 4)

Important information

Please only bring essential items to school on a daily basis i.e.: reading book, spelling book, reading diary, lunch box (if not having hot school meals). Pencil cases and equipment are provided in school.

Your child needs a refillable water bottle that is taken home daily for washing before returning to school the next day.

P.E Days

Lions: Tuesday and Thursday

Giraffes: Swimming on a Tuesday

Zebras: Monday and Wednesday

The teachers in Lower Key Stage 2 are:

Miss Hunt - Zebras

Mr Tearle - Lions

Miss Parker- Routh- Giraffes

The adults supporting in Lower Key Stage 2 are:

Mrs Smith, Mrs Fox and Mrs Waters