

WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD!



OZ CLASS CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Spring 2025

OUR FUTURE STARTS HERE...

As a values led school we believe that all children have rights. The right to be educated, the right to be heard, the right to be treated fairly and the right to be healthy

This term, in Year 2 our topic will be 'What a Wonderful World'. Our journey begins with the study of significant explorers around the world and the impact they have had on our modern lives. Throughout this half term, we will consider the moral question:

If you find an artifact is it right to take it home with you?

HUMANITIES

Our topic this term involves lots of discoveries. In History, we will find out about different explorers around the world. We will look at a local explorer – Fredrick Horniman and the importance of his scientific findings. We will further investigate how and why some significant people are remembered and consider how their actions might be viewed today.

In Geography, we will begin exploring the continents and oceans of the world. We will investigate different climates, habitats and look at aerial photographs of the world around us.

ENGLISH



Children will continue to be taught in their small Read, Write, Inc groups in order to continue our big emphasis on the teaching of phonics and reading to support our writing. Back in our Year 2 classroom, we will be writing creatively and regularly. We will be using our phonics knowledge to support this. We have a nonfiction focus this term so will learn to write instructions, explanations and recounts. We will continue to work on different aspects of writing, including concentrating on using full stops and capital letters in the right places and using interesting sentence starts and conjunctions. We will also begin our new spelling program as a class, focus on grammar to enhance our writing and practice cursive handwriting.

MATH



Initially in Maths, we will be working on our multiplication and division skills. Later in the term, we will develop our knowledge of money and measure.

Throughout the term we will continue to secure our understanding of the four basic mathematical operations - addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

We will explore strategies for solving word problems quickly and accurately. We will continually revisit our key number facts and practice our 2, 5 and 10 Times

Tables.

SCIENCE



Our Science topic this term is 'Living Things and their Habitats'. We will explore what a habitat is and investigate different types found in our wonderful world. We will go on a minibeast hunt and discuss why minibeasts can survive in their habitat. We will also explore how animals and plants depend on each other. Finally, we will explore 'food chains' and will discuss what would happen if one of those living things in a food chain did not exist. Throughout our sessions we will continue to build our scientific vocabulary and investigation skills.

COMPUTING



In our computing sessions, the children will explore programming.

The children will develop an understanding of algorithms, exploring what happens when we change the order of instructions on a program. Then, we will begin to read 'code' to predict what a program will do.

Throughout the term we will continue to discuss why it is important to stay safe online.



PE will be on Monday and Tuesdays for Year 2. This term we will be developing our dance skills. We will be following commands, repeating simple sequences of movement and performing to each other.

We will work on our agility skills through a variety of games. This term we also have a PE session led by a sports coach. These sessions will focus on multi-skills games.



We will be looking at 'The Five Pillars of Islam'. We will explore how Muslims express their beliefs and what worship means to Muslims. This will be explored through discussion, role-play and written work.

After half term we will be focusing on Christianity. We will be looking at important symbols for Christians and the Easter story.



In Art, we will be focussing on our painting skills. We will be developing our knowledge of colour mixing and experimenting with different brush strokes. Then. we will explore how we can create texture with paint and use this knowledge to create a collage.

After the half term, in DT we will look and explore how objects move. We will design and make our own fairground ride!



Our weekly music lessons will allow us to participate in creating new sounds with instruments and our voices. In the first half term, we will develop a composition that represents a story. Then, we will focus on singing folk songs. We will continue learning musical vocabulary within each unit.

PHSE



In PSHE, we will continue to implement and practise the Zones of Regulation. Then, we will focus on our school values and develop an understanding of our rights as children.

We will continue to develop our understanding of environmental issues and sustainability.

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