



Year 2 Curriculum Map

Autumn 2



English:
 In our English lessons, we will be starting by looking at Firework poetry and recalling all the fun of our half term holidays. We will be aiming to extend our sentences with conjunctions eg. because, but, and, so and when. We will also be producing some descriptive writing using pictures as a starting point. We will then be linking our writing and oracy work to our history topic exploring different genres including warning posters/letters, creating a fact file, asking questions and using their imaginations to decide what they might do if they were king/queen.

Science:
 We will be learning about what animals need to stay alive. We will be thinking about what 'alive' and 'dead' mean by looking at different objects and deciding if they are living, if they were living but are now dead or if they have never been alive at all. We will investigate different animal habitats and consider the question is a habitat JUST a home?

Challenge: Can you collect some different objects from around your garden and home. Sort the objects into three categories: Alive/Dead/Never Been Alive



Maths:
 In maths we will be focussing on improving our understanding of place value, addition and subtraction. We want the children to have a secure and robust understanding of number; to help set firm foundations for mental maths, written calculations and problem solving.


We will continue to make connections with facts that we already know and apply them to new learning, such as using pairs to 10 to help us find pairs to 100. Adding and subtracting 10 will help us cement our knowledge and understanding of place value. We will look closely at patterns and we will talk about what we have noticed.

If I know $3+7=10$,
 then I also know...

$70+30=100$ etc

$12 + 10 = 22$
 $22 + 10 = 32$
 $32 + 10 = 42$
 $42 + 10 = 52$
 What is the same and what is different?

History:
 We will find out about The Gunpowder Plot and who was Guy Fawkes. We will explore timelines and a range of sources to help us do this, as well as having our exciting history workshop. We will also be looking at the topic of kings and queens starting by remembering Queen Elizabeth II and talking about our current monarch. Then we will use our comparison skills to compare the two Elizabeths and the 3 Charles'.

 At home you can help your child by hearing them read regularly and by asking questions about what they have read.

Computing:
 Our esafety focus is 'kindness'. We will be using our 'Hindhayes Kind Ways' ethos to help us consider being kind to others when on the internet.



We will also explore using iPads to take photographs. We will explore zooming in on our subjects and reflect whether we should take a photograph in portrait or landscape.



Art and DT:
 Sculpture is our theme for the half term. We will appreciate sculptures created by different artists and will learn paper sculpture techniques to help us create our own ideas. We will then use these skills to help us design, make and evaluate a pop up card to celebrate our history learning.

Music:
 We will be focusing on improvisation and composition over the next few weeks. We will then be looking forward to learning the songs for our Christmas production.

RE: We will be learning all about the differences between atheists, agnostics and humanists. As we head toward December, we will also be looking at the story of the Nativity.

Curriculum for Life:
 We will continue to think about relationships. We will consider how to be a good friend to others and support our whole school ethos of 'Hindhayes Kind Ways'.

PE:
 In PE we will be developing ball control skills and learning how to be part of a team as we enjoy tag rugby. In gymnastics we will develop balance and co-ordination as we develop short sequences using tuck, straddle, pike and star balances.