

Curriculum Newsletter

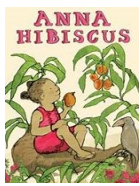
Year 2

Year Group and Staff

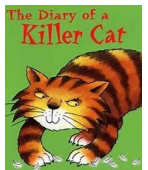
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Teacher: Miss Aidoo
Support Staff: Mrs Nicholls

English



We will start the new term by reading 'Anna Hibiscus' by Atinuke, a story about the life of small girl who lives in Africa with her African dad and Canadian mum. Based on the themes in the story, children will compose poetry and develop their story telling techniques. They will also have an opportunity to write a information booklet about some of the locations visited in the story.



Later in the term, we will also read 'The Diary of a Killer Cat' by Anne Fine; a humorous tale about Tuffy whose antics cause much distress to his owners. Children will use this text to explore features of recount and diary writing. They will also start to write from the perspectives of different characters.

Maths

Children will be revising, then using, bonds to 10 in addition (counting on, bridging 10), and subtraction (finding a difference, extending to calculating change). They will be extending their understanding of place value using landmarked lines and estimation. Children will be learning the 2, 5 and 10 times tables in and out of order. To consolidate reasoning skills we will continue to have chess lessons on Fridays.



Science

Living things and Their Habitats

During the first spring term children will explore the school grounds and the local environment to observe the different creatures all around them. They will begin to understand why animals are found in certain habitats.

Plants

During the second half of the spring term, the children will be learning about plants. We will be investigating how plants grow and reproduce. We will also be looking at ways to make sure that plants are kept healthy.

R.E.

For RE lessons we will use **Come and See** and will be looking into:

Citizenship: Protected Characteristics

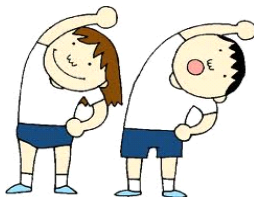
Books: The books used in Church on Sunday by the parish family.

Thanksgiving: The Eucharist: the parish family thanks God for Jesus.

Opportunities: Lent: an opportunity to start anew.



PE



Please ensure that your child brings appropriate PE kit and leaves it in school for the week.

Lessons will take place on Wednesday.

Children will be learning Gymnastics, Striking and Fielding

WWW

To support your child at home please continue to use:

www.educationcity.co.uk

www.activelearnprimary.co.uk (for Bug Club)

www.ttrackstars.com



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History and Geography

At the start of the Spring Term children will learn about the causes and effects of the Great Fire of London. Specifically this term they will focus on their geography skills while studying the Great Fire by making maps of the old city of London and explore famous London landmarks built after the tragic events. After half term children in Year 2 will learn about Oceans and Seas. They will learn to name the 5 oceans and 7 continents of the world and locate them on a map, understand that the UK lies in the Atlantic Ocean. They will also begin to recognise the UK on a range of maps, naming and locating the seas that surround the UK.



Computing

This unit introduces learners to early programming concepts. In computing lessons this term children will explore using individual commands, both with other learners and as part of a computer program. They will identify what each floor robot command does and use that knowledge to start predicting the outcome of programs. We are also introduced to the early stages of program design through the introduction of algorithms.



Children will learn the French names for expressing likes, colours and clothes.

Children will learn how to name the items in their pencil case in French and learn a song to describe where objects are.

Homework



Children are expected to complete their own homework, however, parents need to sign it before it is handed in to confirm that homework is of an acceptable standard.

Homework is given out on **Friday** and is due back on **Tuesday**. Remember homework is to be completed in homework books (not in the worksheet we send). If homework is not returned on Tuesday it will not be marked before the next week's homework is given.

Music



Year 2 will begin their music lesson by learning the song 'I Wanna Play In A Band.' This is a Rock song written especially for children. In this song they will learn about singing and playing together in an ensemble. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, they will listen and appraise classic Rock songs.



This term we will be focusing on Citizenship.

Children will be focusing on their rights and responsibilities. They will be exploring how to be aware of their own well being and make links of their well being to God's creation. They will also learn to be aware and identify what can affect others wellbeing at home and school.



Extra! Extra! Read all about it!

Please read with your child every day. Once you have heard your child read, ask them questions about the book. Once you have signed and returned the book and Home/School reader, it will be changed.

