

Bingham Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

Year: 2

Term: Summer 1



Term Overview: As we enter the first half of the last term, we will be further preparing the children to transition as smoothly as possible into KS2 when they join Year 3/4 after the Summer 2 half-term. We plan on doing this by ensuring that they have a strong foundation of knowledge from the Year 2 curriculum to build upon in the future. We have new texts in English to deepen reading and writing skills, and will be looking at Fractions and Time in Maths. The children will be getting hands on in Science this half-term as they will be caring for and learning about what plants need in order to survive and grow into strong, healthy plants.

English: Our texts this half-term are 'Greta and the Giants' by Zoe Tucker & 'The Last Tree' by Emily Harworth-Booth. We will be writing persuasive letters and an explanation text and will be recapping the key writing features of Year 2 throughout. We will further embed our cursive letter formation and begin joining. Completing the spelling homework and letter formation tasks is a great way to impact from home!

Phonics & Reading:

We will continue to follow the Little Wandle scheme for phonics (and spelling—where appropriate). We will also have daily reading groups where we look to build the reading skills of fluency and comprehension. We will send home the books that the children have read the previous week to practise at home, as well as a library book selected by the children.

Maths

This half-term we will be learning about Fractions and begin to look at Time.

We will be moving on to telling the time to every 5 minutes on an analogue clock, so practising this at home is a great way to support learning!

Science

Our unit this half-term will be Plants. We will be looking at the life-cycle of plants and what they need to stay healthy and strong. We will grow some plants in the classroom and note changes within a plant diary. If the children were lucky enough to have a plant at home that they could grow, it would support our learning.

History: We will be learning about significant people from History. We will be learning about Nelson Mandela and his fight against apartheid in South Africa, and looking at the impact of Emmeline Pankhurst and the Suffragette movement on discrimination against women. Researching these people and discussing their impact at home would be useful!

Art/DT:

Our Art topic this half-term is Printing. We will be looking into the process of printing and how to create repeating patterns, with natural materials as well as printing blocks. We will look at the work of Andy Warhol and replicate his printing style.

Music:

Our song for this half-term is called 'Friendship Song' and is about the importance of friendships. Throughout the unit we will be appraising famous songs about friendship, singing, composing and playing instruments.

RE

We will be learning about relationships, covers areas around family, friendships and treating others respectfully talking about appropriate contact and good and bad secrets.

PSHE

We will be learning all about Hindu worship. Within this we will look at special artefacts, the importance of shrines and the Mandir as a special place of worship.

PE

Indoor:

Invasion Games

Outdoor:

Striking and Fielding

