

Bingham Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

Year: 2

Term: Summer 2



Term Overview: It's the final half-term before the children move into Key Stage 2! They have worked brilliantly throughout the year, and we will be using the final half-term to ensure that they are as prepared as possible to step up into Year 3. A big focus of the half-term is looking at a different culture—and we will be exploring Africa. Our Geography and English texts will focus heavily on the continent, and we will learn about the similarities and differences between ourselves and life over there. We will be looking at mechanisms in DT and design our own products using levers and sliders and be learning about Living Things in Science.

English: The key texts that we will be looking at in Summer 2 are Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne and One Plastic Bag by Miranda Paul. We will be using these texts to write our own journey story from a different culture, as well as a fact file about Isatou Ceesay—the focus of 'One Plastic Bag'. Completing the spelling homework and letter formation tasks is a great way to impact from home!

Science: Our unit this half-term will be Living Things and their Habitats. We will be looking at the difference between living, dead and things that have never been alive as well as learning about the importance of a habitat for living things. We will be exploring food chains and how animals survive. Researching different kinds of habitats at home is a great way to help!

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.

Geography: We will be focusing on the continent Africa. We will be exploring the human and physical geography of Africa and identifying how weather can have an effect on life. We will be looking at the equator and the weather surrounding it. Looking at compass directions will help to support learning from home!

Maths
This half-term we will be learning about Statistics, Position and Direction as well as shape. We will be learning how to present data in a number of different ways, the language of direction and the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.
Completing the weekly maths homework that would be a great way to support learning from home.

Art/DT:
Our DT unit of learning for the half-term will be a focus on mechanisms. We will be exploring and evaluating existing products—looking at their use of sliders and levers. We will then create products ourselves using levers and sliders, before evaluating our own work.

Music: Our unit for the last half-term is called 'Reflect, Reviewing & Replay'. We will be reflecting on the songs we've looked at across the year and re-performing them. We will also be exploring classical music and recapping the different features of music we've learned through out the year.

RE
How do celebrations give Hindu's a sense of belonging? In this unit we will be exploring the Hindu practices and celebrations of Jakarman, Raksha Bandhan and Diwali and how they build a sense of belonging within the Hindu community.

PSHE
PSHE- Life cycles of growing from young to old, recognise physical changes between girls and boys bodies and the correct terminology for private body parts, understand appropriate and inappropriate touch and learning to cope with changes in our life.

PE
Indoor:
Target Games
Outdoor:
Athletics

