



YEAR 2 AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER



As Readers and Writers this term, we will be reading transport related adventure stories. We will be looking at our descriptive language for characters and settings. We will also be writing a variety of non-fiction texts including a recount of our trip to the transport museum and instructions for road safety. This will teach us to write in a variety of formats and from different points of view. We will have lots of opportunities to write across all subjects of the curriculum. You can help at home by ensuring your child learns their weekly spellings and reads their home reader. Discussing the book during and after reading is a great way of developing their understanding!



WELCOME BACK!

We hope you had an enjoyable and restorative holiday and are raring to go this new year. We are feeling excited about our learning this term and cannot wait to begin! Our topic theme this term is 'Around the world in 80 ways!'

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Around the world in 80 ways.



As Mathematicians this term, we will be focusing on number and place value. We will look at many different ways to represent numbers. We will be learning how to read and write numbers to 100 and beyond, as well as sequencing, estimating, comparing and ordering them. There will be a focus on counting to and beyond 100 both forwards and backwards in tens, fives, twos and threes. We will then improve our addition and subtraction understanding.



As we move towards the end of topics, we will turn our focus to reasoning and problem solving. We will often use concrete objects to support our learning initially, before developing our understanding using pictures. Then this develops into abstract methods that just use numbers.

As Scientists this term, we are learning about humans and their basic needs. We will also focus on food hygiene and diet. As we look at different continents around the world we will be exploring differences in climate. We will be measuring and plotting data of weather patterns and recording temperature in our locality.



As Design Engineers we will be creating our own moving transport book. This will include levers, sliders and mechanisms. Also we will become chefs and we will design dishes from around the world.





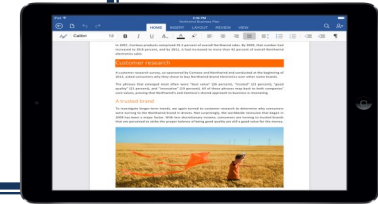
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As Geographers, we will begin learning about the continents and oceans of the world. We will discover the differences between them including food, landscapes, cities and homes. How we treat the oceans will also be looked at, including some of the damage that is caused by the choices humans make. We will look at what we can do to help.



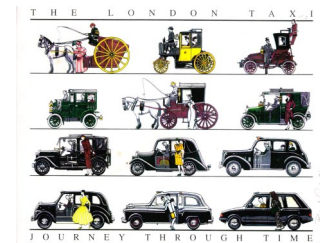
In computing, we are learning about E-safety and keeping safe online. Children will be using iPads to create their own Imovies using an app called 'Puppet Pals'. Later in the term, we will be programming BeeBots to follow a route.



Useful website: <http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>



As Historians, we will be learning about the transition of car safety throughout time. We will also be researching a significant figure from history. We will learn to improve our questioning skills to develop our knowledge and understanding.



As Athletes, we will have two lessons a week (one indoor and one outdoor) where we will improve our skills in games and gymnastics. Please make sure your child's P.E. kit is in school all week, as we may need it on any given day.



As good citizens

In RE, we are learning why rules are an important part of life. Also, we will be learning about how vital it is to have an awareness of others and the need for sharing and kindness.



In PSHE, we will look at the topics of 'New Beginnings' and 'Getting on with Others', and we have an exciting well-being themed week lined up. We will also be looking at fire and firework safety.