

## English - Writing

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Children will be writing description and re-ports, retelling stories and writing fantasy nar-ratives. Please encourage your child to correctly use their sounds and special friends to practise handwriting and also to correctly use capital let-ters, adjectives, connectives and punctua-tion.

Here are some of the terms children will continue to use and learn about in Y2.

**noun, noun phrase statement, question, exclamation, command compound, suffix adjective, adverb, verb tense (past, pre-sent) apostrophe, comma**

## Science

In Science we will be finding out about different animals (including humans) who live in different parts of the world and how they are similar and different to each other.

Please practise saying and writing the following words:

habitat, survival, conditions, living, non living, micro-habitat, dead, alive, grow, reproduce, breathe, move, food chain, source of food, hygiene, diet, offspring.



## Maths

We will be completing work on -

- Problem solving involving addition and subtraction
- Measuring length
- Graphs
- Multiplication and division

Ways you can help your child at home.

Practise counting in multiples of 2, 3, 5 and 10s.

Practise solving addition and subtraction problems using objects, and then write the number sentence e.g.  $18 - 8 = 10$ .

## Geography

This term we are off on our travels around the world! We will be looking at maps, globes and atlases, finding out where the continents and oceans are and what they are called. We will be discovering what is meant by the term physical and human features and learn how 'keys' can help us.

## PSHE

Our PSHE topics are called: 'Dreams and Goals' which relates to children making better choices and to break bad habits to make them a better person and 'Healthy Me' which will help children to consider the choices they make regarding diet, exercise and well being.

## Art/DT

In Art we will learn about artists who draw animals and humans, as this links with out Science focus. Children will learn about Pablo Picasso and George Stubbs.



## PE

PE is an important part of a child's development. Being active helps to maintain a healthy weight, builds confidence and can improve concentration. The children will be developing hand and eye coordination in Gymnastics and Tennis. Our PE lessons are on Monday and Friday afternoons.

## English - Reading

During guided reading lessons we will be concentrating on developing the children's comprehension skills. Remember that this can easily be supported at home by making sure that the children understand the meaning of unusual words and that they understand the storyline.

## Useful Information

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## RE

In RE we are teaching children about the things we can learn from stories of Jesus and about praying and helping people.

We will also be learning about

the Easter Story towards the end of the term.



## Educational Visits or Visitors

We are fortunate to have Graves Park on our doorstep so we plan to go on a trip to look at the human and natural features within and around the park.



We will learn about animals and their habitats in the park too. Further information will be sent out about a trip to support our learning.

## Computing

In Computing, we will be researching the countries and oceans of the world. We will also be researching facts about India.

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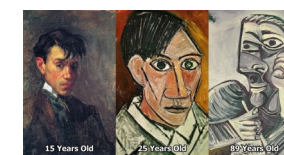
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