

Happy New Year

We hope you had a restful and enjoyable holiday. This half term we are looking forward to immersing ourselves in art and the natural world by studying the artists William Morris and Georgia O'Keefe. We will be developing our drawing and printing techniques and stepping into pieces of art to inspire our writing to prepare for the BIG ARTs.

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RE: The children will be exploring how we should care for others and the world around us.

Supporting your child at home: Please read regularly with your child and ensure you write comments in your reading diary when you have read. There will be weekly spelling checks and spelling rules will be posted each Friday for a check the following Friday. The words will consolidate year 2 spelling rules or phonic knowledge. For maths, practise your times tables using Times Tables Rock Stars.

Maths: We will be continuing to consolidate addition and subtraction, skills and strategies. There will be opportunity for further development of multiplication facts and the use of arrays to solve problems. This knowledge will be linked to division. We will consolidate our knowledge of skip counting by reading a range of scales in jumps of 2s, 5s and 10s. Towards the end of term we will be looking at money. Weekly, the children will complete an arithmetic paper.

PE: Weather permitting outdoor PE will continue on a Monday afternoon. Our Thursday indoor session will be gymnastics. Please check that their PE kit still fits and these are brought into school.

English:

This term we will start by creating a fact file about one of the artists we are studying in more detail. We will use pieces of art to inspire DEAL and writing sessions. Then we will explore instructional writing to explain the printing process of our own final designs inspired by William Morris. During reciprocal reading sessions we will develop our comprehensions skills of prediction, summary, retrieval and author choice.



PSHE: This half term we will be learning ways to keep ourselves safe in different situations, making informed choices and simple first aid scenarios.

Computing: Children will be exploring a range of artistic styles through the use of digital tools and techniques. Towards the end of the term, we will finish our coding sessions looking at how to use the button facility.

Key Dates:

6/1/22 Start of term

17/1/22 SATs information Google Meet 5pm

31/1/22 Big Arts Week

7/2/22 Mental Health Week

Creative Curriculum:

We are completing an artist study for the BIG ARTs. We will be comparing the work of two artists thinking about what is similar and different between the style, techniques and media used. To begin our term, we will develop our drawing skills using pastels to create flowers inspired by Georgia O'Keefe. Later, we will be block printing images inspired by the environment and William Morris wallpaper designs. We will look at what is similar and different about the styles and techniques used by these artists.

Science: As part of our outdoor learning, we will investigate microhabitats across the school grounds, exploring what creatures can be found in different microhabitats across the seasons. What has happened to our Year 2 tree in winter? What mini-beasts will you find in the garden and forest school?