

Learning in Amy Johnson Class
Autumn 2020
Topic: Saving our World



In Science we will be...

- Learning about parts of a tree and comparing rainforest trees to those in the UK
- Finding out about rainforest, desert and arctic animals
- Learning whether an animal is an omnivore, carnivore or herbivore
- Investigating plants in different habitats

In Geography we will be...

- Learning about the continents and oceans of the world and what they are called.
- Exploring hot and cold parts of the world and the weather in these places.
- Looking at different maps and learn to understand these.

In Art and Design we will be...

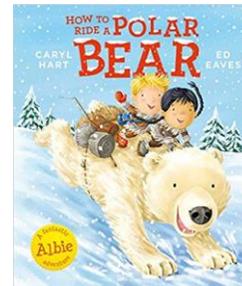
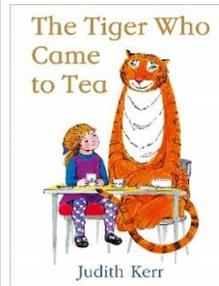
- Developing our art skills by practicing careful drawing, sewing, clay moulding, colour mixing and paint brush skills.
- Creating some rainforest tree art using watercolours.

In Design and Technology we will be...

- Learning to use different techniques to craft e.g. curling, rolling, creating tabs, fringing etc.
- Learning to join materials in different ways and start to use papier-mâché

In English we will be...

Looking at these books this term:



We will be developing our writing skills by:

- Recapping leaving spaces between words, using a capital letter and full stop and using a capital letter for I and names.
- Sounding out words when spelling
- Punctuating question sentences using a ?
- Joining words and clauses with and so but because
- Looking at contracted words and suffix endings

Phonics and Spelling

We will be revisiting phase 3 sounds initially and will begin phase 4 and 5 of our phonics programme. We will also be practicing blending sounds to read and segmenting words to spell.

We are also currently completing a phonics catch up as we understand the children missed out on this learning with lockdown during the end of year 1. I have completed a phonics test with the children and will send out any sounds they are currently working on.

In Maths we will be...

Practising our place value skills for numbers up to 100.

- Looking at tens and ones in 2 digit numbers
- Comparing objects and numbers
- Ordering numbers
- Addition and Subtraction within 20
- Counting in 2, 5, 10 and 3's, equal groups and arrays
- Looking at 2D shapes and their properties

We will also be continuing to focus on the skills below which you can practise at home.

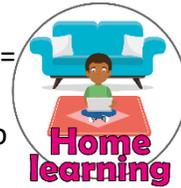
- ❖ To count to 100 confidently forwards and backwards.
- ❖ Knowing 1 more and 1 less than numbers to 100
- ❖ Looking at our times tables for 2, 5, 10 and then 3's.

Learning at home

Please could you aim to read with your child 3 times a week? Books will be sent home on a Monday and should be returned on a Thursday. These will then be quarantined at school before being sent out with any other children.

In year 2 we usually start sending out spelling homework weekly after Christmas. This term I will be sending out the year 1 Common Exception Words, along with the year 2 for confident spellers. Common exception words are words the children are most likely to use at this age but aren't always easily sounded out. It is a good idea to practise a few of these each week.

We are currently learning our times tables. In year 1 the children learnt to count in 2, 5 and 10's. We are now learning times table facts out of order e.g. $2 \times 5 =$, $4 \times 2 =$. I will send home the order in which I will be teaching our times tables and some useful links to practise online at home. Learning these types of facts really helps to speed up their learning.



As children of St Barnabas we will be...

Remembering to follow our school rules of Ready, Respectful and Safe and showing others how they can follow these too. We will also be learning about our values of Courage, Creativity and Compassion.



In R.E we will be discovering...

In R.E this term we will be looking at how Christians celebrate Christmas. This will be taught by Mrs Lennon on a Thursday morning.



In P.E we will be learning...

With our P.E specialist football skills including stopping and starting with the ball, dribbling, passing, shooting and turning.

PE will take place on Thursdays.



On Muddy Monday we will be...

Learning how to be safe outside in our forestry area. We will be creating art using things found in nature, looking at, using and creating maps and building dens. Please remember to bring in your wellies or sensible shoes on Mondays and also some warm clothes as we will be out whatever the weather!

We are so looking forward to this term and all the amazing things we can teach and learn with year 2! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please let us know via Class Dojo. This continues to be a very strange and difficult time for lots of us and we will be doing everything we can to provide your child with a safe, engaging and fun place to thrive and learn. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Taylor, Miss Ross and the KS1 and EYFS team.