

CURRICULUM FOCUS

Summer B 2018

Year Group: Year 2

Topic Title: MRS GREN



M	ovement
R	espiration
S	ensitivity
G	rowth
R	eproduction
E	xcretion
N	utrition

Aspects to be taught: Our topic for this half term is called 'MRS GREN'

- This half term's topic will be based around the acronym MRS GREN, and will focus on living things.
- In our English, we will be completing some exciting writing including the life cycle of a plant, retelling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, writing our own version of Jack and the Beanstalk, designing and describing our own animals and writing a letter to introduce ourselves to our new teacher
- In Maths, we will be continuing our unit on 'Time.' So far we have learnt to tell the time to the nearest quarter of an hour. We will now be telling the time in 5 minute intervals, understanding how many minutes are in an hour and hours are in a day, calculating durations of time and comparing durations of time. Our other Maths topic will be Measurement. In this topic we will be comparing mass and measuring mass in grams and kilograms; comparing capacity and measuring capacity in millilitres and litres and finally looking at thermometers and units of temperature.
- In Art we will be learning all about sculptures and how our artwork can be inspired by Nature. We will be using clay to make mini models of animals and other living things, making observational drawings of things from nature, undertaking a woodland walk, collecting items to make a collage and developing a wide range of art techniques to complete a whole class project.
- In Computing we will be developing our coding and programming skills using software called Scratch and Turtle Logo. We will be using computers to draw shapes, create algorithms that cause objects to repeat, adding sound and movement to objects, understand the use of the 'green flag' algorithm in coding and use coding to add a changing backdrop.
- In RE we will be looking at the importance of animals in different religions around the world.
- Our Science topic will be 'Plants' During our science lessons we will be observing how plants and trees grow, planting bulbs and seeds and suggesting how to care for them, explaining the life cycle of a plant, using observations to explain what plants need and why and describing the growth of different plants.
- In Geography, we will be looking at African Safaris and understanding how animals are used differently in different countries around the world.
- In History, we will look at how the uses of animals has changed over the years and different jobs animals have been used for in the past.
- Our PSHE focus will be Miss Challenge Oneself. We will be doing lots of transition based activities to prepare us for moving to the next year group.

We would like you to:

- Help your child to research the phonemes that we learn each week for testing on Mondays, ensuring that your child understands what the word means and can use them in the correct context. Spellings are based on the phonemes being learnt that week.
- Read with your child as often as possible, asking them questions about the story and characters. Encourage your child to write in their home link book with you as this will help them to move up the reading worm reward chart.
- Ensure your child brings in their PE kit in to school on a **Monday** and leaves it here all week.
- Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school each day.

Additional Information:

- Friday 8 June – Gentlemen in School morning
- Monday 18 June – Class Photographs
- Friday 22 June – Sports Day
- Monday 2 July – Open Evening
- Friday 20 July – Prize Giving Assembly

