English

Core Texts - The Secret of Black Rock - Joe Todd-Stanton and Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett.

- Develop our knowledge of sentence structure, with a focus of using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.
- Learn how to use description in our writing through character descriptions and setting descriptions.
- Continue to develop the use of co-ordinations in sentences (or, and, but).
- Learn how to use sub-ordinations in sentences (when, that, if, because).

Religious Education

How & why do we celebrate special and sacred times

- What do you celebrate and why? What stories do your family tell?
- How do Christians celebrate Easter? What matters most at Faster?
- Why do Jewish people tell the story of Passover (Pesach) every year?
- What do Muslims celebrate at Id-ul-Fitr?

Science

Materials and their properties

- Describe the properties of everyday materials.
- Compare the uses of everyday materials.
- Discover why materials are used for certain jobs.
- Investigating the strength of different materials.
- Investigate which materials float or sink

<u>Music</u>

Charanga

Musical Spotlight - Recognising Different Sounds Explore the voices and instruments used within the music in this unit to identify how and when harmony takes place.

P.S.H.E

What helps us to stay safe?

- How rules and restrictions help them to keep safe.
- How to identify risky and potentially unsafe situations.
- How to resist pressure to do something that makes them feel unsafe or uncomfortable, including keeping secrets.

<u>P.E</u>

Gymnastics

- Learn low and high travelling sequences.
- Learn how to link travelling and balance movements together.
- Perform balance and travelling actions with a partner.

Health and Fitness

- Explore the value of a physically active life.
- Explore a range of skills to develop agility.
- Develop all fitness skills performed in a circuit.

Year 2 Spring 2 Curriculum Coverage



Mathematics

Length and Height

 Use appropriate standard units to estimate and measure length/height in any direction (m/cm) to the nearest appropriate unit using rulers.

Mass, capacity and temperature

- Use appropriate standard units to estimate and measure mass (kg/g); temperature (°C); capacity (litres/ml) to the nearest appropriate unit, scales, thermometers and measuring vessels.
- Compare and order lengths, mass, volume/capacity and record the results using >, < and =

Geography

Hot and Cold Places

- How hot or cold is our school?
- What do hot and cold places feel like?
- Where are hot and cold places found on Earth?
- How does temperature affect hot and cold places?
- What features does an animal need to live in a hot/cold place?
- How have real animals adapted to hot/cold places?

Design and Technology

<u>Structures – Baby Bear's Chair</u>

- To explore the concept and features of structures and the stability of different shapes.
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Computing

Purple Mash Computing – Unit 2.1 – Coding

- To understand what an algorithm is.
- To create a computer program using an algorithm.
- To know what debugging means.

Online Safety

Online Bullying

Stunning Start

Year 2 are beginning the term with our first gymnastics lessons of the year. We will be using apparatus and building up to creating a performance with a partner using balancing and travelling actions.

Fabulous Finish

The children will be testing out our 'Chairs' we made for Baby Bear in our DT lessons this term. Is your chair stable enough to hold Baby Bears weight?

Visits, Visitors and Important Dates

- Term Starts Monday 19th February 2024
- Achievement Assembly Thursday 22nd February 9am
- Parent Workshop Times Table Wednesday 28th February 2:30pm
- School Group Photographs (Van Cols) Tuesday 5th March
- World Book Day Thursday 7th March
- **British Science Week** Monday 11th March Friday 15th March
- **SEND Coffee Morning** Tuesday 12th March 2024 9am 11am
- History VR Experience Years 3 6 Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March All Day
- Comic Relief Friday 15th March
- Whole School 'Aspiration Day' -Monday 25th March
- Term Ends Thursday 28th March

How you can help...

We hope this guide will help you to get further involved in your child's education. You could:

- Visit the **local libraries** for information and research purposes
- Search the internet and discuss any of our topics
- Look out for TV programmes/ podcasts to watch and/or record
- Find story books, poetry books, song books or newspaper articles related to topics
- Support your child learn their spellings and understand the meanings of these spellings
- Practise tables and related division facts on a weekly basis
- Use mathematics based websites to play games and support the topic your child is learning
- Listen to your child read on a regular basis and discuss their text
- Encourage your child to **bring in research from home** to share with the class/discuss their own personal experiences.

Times Tables Rock Stars:

Times Tables Rock Stars is a carefully sequenced programme of times tables practice with a rock star theme. It helps creates confident and competent maths learners by securing the foundation of quick multiplication and division recall. Encouraging children to take part regularly will help them in doing this.

Log on at https://ttrockstars.com/