Curriculum Overview for Parents
Year 2, Autumn Term 2

Compare & Contrast

Lines of Enquiry the children would like to explore:

Kingfishers:

- **Is John Cadbury still alive? Where does he live? Where does he come from?**
- **What will we make our decorations out of?**
- **Is Mog a kind cat and does she have a home?**

Puffins:

- **Who is John Cadbury and why is he important to our local area?**
- **Why do some animals hibernate in the winter?**
- **What characters will we be exploring in our music lessons?**

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Within this topic the children will learn to identify the differences and similarities between themselves and others, and they will learn how a person's behaviour can affect other people and recognise acts of kindness. The children will also learn and use different ways to show good listening and explain how it feels to be part of a group and left out of a group.

Computing

This term, the children will explore digital photography, learning how to capture and edit photographs for different purposes. They will use a range of devices to take, improve and change images, while learning that not all images they see online may be real.

English

Our English focus this half term will be the book 'Mog's Christmas' by Judith Kerr. Through the text the children will explore how to use language in a descriptive way using expanded noun phrases. We will be concentrating on technically correct sentences and using conjunctions whilst writing in the role of Mog. Alongside this, regular spelling sessions, handwriting and reading practice sessions will continue. Reading practice sessions will focus on improving decoding skills, fluency and comprehension.

Physical Development

Athletics

Children will improve their athletic skills with a focus on running at different speeds, jumping and throwing. In athletic based activities, children will measure their performance, competing to improve their own score and against others. They will work independently and collaboratively and begin to identify areas of strength and for development.

Sending & Receiving

Children will develop their sending and receiving skills including throwing and catching, kicking, tracking and stopping a ball. They will work with balls of different sizes, apply their sending and receiving skills in different situations and begin to use equipment to send and receive a ball. Children will work individually, in pairs and in small groups beginning to organise and self-manage some activities.

Art & Design and Technology

D&T

This topic gives the children the opportunity to design, create, sew and decorate their own winter themed decoration. The children will design and cut their template before using a running stitch to join two pieces of felt together before adding some stuffing. Finally, children will be able to decorate their work following their plan before finally evaluating their finished decoration.

Geography

This term, the children will learn about the United Kingdom, identifying its countries and exploring physical and human geographical features. They will develop their map-reading skills and use directional language, including compass points.

History

This term, the children will learn about the history of John Cadbury and his links to our local area. They will explore the original Cadbury factory and Bournville Village, using historical sources to discover how Birmingham has changed over time.

Religious Education

Children will be exploring the question 'What makes some places sacred to believers?' finding out about some Places of Worship, what people do there and exploring some of their special objects, symbols and stories.

Science

This term, we will be learning about everyday materials and their uses. We will identify common materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, and rock, and learn to distinguish between an object and the material it is made from. We will also explore the human body and the five senses, carrying out simple investigations to discover how our senses help us understand the world around us. We will learn how animals prepare for and behave during winter.

Music

The focus for this term is musical storytelling. The children will learn how events, actions and feelings within stories can be represented by pitch, dynamics and tempo. The children will select appropriate sounds to match events and characters before composing and performing to show a change in tempo and dynamics. They will also learn and share some seasonal songs in preparation for our Christmas performance.

Maths

This term, the children will develop their understanding of multiplication and division, focusing on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. They will use practical resources, arrays and repeated addition to solve problems and apply their learning to real-life situations. The children will also explore place value, comparing and ordering numbers up to 100, recognising odd and even numbers, and solving missing number problems. In measurement, they will compare and order weights and use scales to measure in grams and kilograms.