

Lines of Enquiry the children would like to explore:

Kingfishers:

- What are conjunctions and how will we use them in our writing? Will they make our writing even more exciting?
- How will we find human and physical features? What are they?
- Will we take our own aerial photos?

Puffins:

- What might live in a woodland habitat?
- Who is Mog and what will they do?
- What is Hanukkah and which religion celebrate it?



Curriculum Overview for Parents Year 2, Autumn Term 2

Compare & Contrast

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 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 and adding some stuffing. Finally, children will be able to decorate their decoration by following their plan and evaluating their work.

Geography

In Geography, children will learn more about their local environment, including visiting Shirley to make observations and complete field work activities. They will make comparisons with other localities they know and begin to understand the difference between physical and human geographical features. Using a range of maps, including digital representations and aerial images, the children will learn about the United Kingdom, including knowing the countries that make up the UK and their respective capital cities.

Religious Education

This term the children will be exploring the question 'How and what do we celebrate?' The children will be thinking about all the different occasions people celebrate; including learning how different religions celebrate births. They will also learn about Hanukkah and the reason why we give gifts at Christmas.

Science

During this half term children will focus their learning on the woodland habitat. They will explore this habitat, looking for plants and animals that live there, identify how this habitat meets the animals' needs including creating simple food chains, and identifying the adult and young of common woodland animals. Children will predict, observe and record their thoughts and findings in the woodland habitat and prepare to compare this to the same location in summer.

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 and carols in preparation for our Christmas performance.

Maths

This half term, the children will be working on the following topics: Number and Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division. They will also explore the concept of weight, including reading scales to the nearest labelled unit.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our theme will be 'Celebrating Difference'. Children will focus on the differences between right and wrong, making new friends and the differences in other people. Our Nurture principle for this half term will be 'In our school family, we believe in ourselves and care for each other'. The children will be discussing this principle and taking part in activities linked to it.

Computing

Children will learn about digital photography. They will learn how to take a variety of pictures and use different effects to enhance the photographs.

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, daily spelling sessions, handwriting and reading practice sessions will continue. Reading practice sessions will focus on improving decoding skills, fluency and comprehension.