

Year 2 – Autumn Term Learning Journey 2023



Theme:
Appreciate our diverse world

Concept:
Beauty

Topic:
Around the World

Subject	Topic
Science	Animals and their habitats
Geography	What Makes the UK special? What would life be like if I lived in Kenya?
RE	Judaism and their beliefs.
PE	Multi-skills and gymnastics
PSHE	Exploring Emotions Anti-Bullying
Computing	IT around us Pictograms
Music	Pulse, rhythm and pitch Playing in an Orchestra
DT	Mechanisms- making and moving monster
Art	Drawing and painting- link to artist- Edgar Degas

Welcome to Year 2! This year, we have some really exciting topics to cover which all link to our overarching Year 2 theme 'Appreciating our Diverse World'. During the Autumn term, we will be looking at this theme through the concept of 'Beauty'. This will be explored through our topic 'Around the World'. We will be exploring what makes the UK special. We will be naming and locating counties and cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas. Exploring the differences between a 'town' and the 'countryside'. Locating the physical features in the UK, the beauty of nature, waterfalls, rivers, mountains! Locating human features in the UK (famous landmarks, big ben, castles, the London eye! Then taking a closer look at how the UK has changed overtime, in the context of the changing population of the UK. Then to further this topic we will be exploring the Non-European country of Kenya! Focusing on; Knowing where Africa is and begin to know about its physical features, what the main differences are between our climate and that of Africa. Understanding what a day in school would be like if they lived in a small African village.

Things to remember:

PE- Monday (indoors)

Thursday (outdoors)

Weekly Homework- *Reading, TTRS, Maths Flex, Spelling Shed.*



For our residential this year we will be taking part in a staycation camping trip at Stubbin Wood School for a Staycation in the Summer Term!

Our curriculum content has been organised around this concept, with our key texts; This is our world, Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain, We're Going on a Lion Hunt and exploring the Handa collection. In correlation to our Autumn Term topic 'Around the World', we will be exploring animals and their habitats from all over the globe! As well as keeping our bodies healthy with the support of our weekly PE lessons, we will also be thinking about our emotions in PSHE, we will be recognising a range of feelings in ourselves and others. Whilst appreciating our diverse world, we will be looking at 'IT around us', and how it is used around the world.

Book recommendations for this term. Borrow from school or pop to your local library!



Granny Came Here on The Empire Windrush- By Patrice Lawrence. This tale explores the sacrifices and successes of the Windrush generation, with subtle references to the discrimination many encountered when they arrived in England. It is also a heart-warming celebration of the love between a child and her



The Can Caravan- By Richard O'Neill. Janie is desperate to help, but all seems lost until her school visits a local recycling plant. All it takes from there is imagination, a supportive community, and lots and lots of hard work to transform Mrs Tolen's old caravan into a safe and secure new home!