

St. Swithun's: Year 1/2 Curriculum Map – Spring 2. Topic: All Around the World

Major outcomes for the topic:
 Aboriginal Art Paintings
 A letter and Diary

English

Reading –
 In our All Around the World topic, we will be reading the book Meerkat Mail. In this story, the main character Sunny, visits lots of different countries and sends postcards home. We will also be continuing to practise our comprehension skills, ensuring we can answer questions about the books we are reading.

Writing-
 We will base our writing around our book Meerkat Mail this half term. We will have the opportunity to write in different styles, including a letter and a diary. Year 1 will be focusing on ensuring we come up with exciting sentences and sequencing these together so they make sense, including using capital letters and full stops. Year 2 will be focusing on using lots of different conjunctions as well as using a larger range of punctuation including commas and apostrophes.

Grammar-
 In order to make our writing effective, we will be focusing on different sentence types and when to use the correct punctuation. To make our writing interesting, we will be using exciting noun phrases and thinking carefully about the purpose for writing. Our basic capital letters and full stops will be revised but as we are more confident with these we should be demonstrating them more consistently.

Spellings-
 Our spellings will need to be practised at home and we will be learning new graphemes and spelling rules to help us be more accurate. Common exception words need to be learnt and used correctly in our work.

Art & Design

In art we will be learning about pointillism and designing Aboriginal art work, which reflects our topic focused on Australia.

Computing

We will continue to use the BeeBots to help us understand algorithms by programming appropriately and if necessary debug to correct their program. We will be attempting to predict a route that the BeeBots can take with minimal or no errors.

Exciting beginnings / events/ theme days/ trips / visitors

During our first week back we will be celebrating World Book Day with fun activities all day based around our love of reading! Children will have the opportunity to bring their favourite book to school and come dressed as their favourite character!

Mathematics

We will begin our term by looking at fractions. We will start by recapping what a whole and a part is using the part-whole models. Starting practically, we will find a half and then a quarter of different shapes, objects and amounts. Linking to our knowledge of division, we will discuss what equal and unequal groups are. We will also use bar models to help us visualise the whole and the halves and quarters.

Then we will revisit multiplication and division and use arrays to help us solve problems.

We will finish the term by learning about time. Year 1 will start to tell the time to o' clock and half past as well as drawing the hands on to clocks to show these times. Year 2 will consolidate their knowledge of time and begin to tell the time at 5 minute intervals as well as quarter past and quarter to.

Design & Technology

Art focus this half term.

Geography

In geography we will be continuing to understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of Portsmouth and comparing it to a small area in Australia.

Text, videos, music, pictures to ensure experiences of rich and varied literary heritage

We are very lucky to be reading the Portsmouth Book Awards books and we will get the opportunity to vote for our favourite story!

Science

In science we will be continuing to learn about a range of different animals into fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals as well as learning about what animals need to survive. We will also start to use the terms herbivore, omnivore and carnivore when referring to animals eating habits.

History

Geography focus this half term.

Modern Languages

We are revising fruit and numbers in French and learning the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We will be making our own French mini-books.

Music

In Year 1 and 2 we will be exploring notes and scales using glockenspiels and xylophones. The children will then design their own repeating melodies.

PSHE / British Values

Through all areas of the curriculum and the ethos of the school we are developing a sense of community, respect, belief and responsibility for ourselves and others. We will promote democracy by voting for class members for the school council and a sense of law by writing our own class rules which pupils take responsibility for and agree to abide by.

Physical Education

In PE, we will be continuing to create dances based on the story of The Toy Maker. Our focus will be learning the skills of following a routine and working together in cannon and unison. In games, we will be learning the skills of agility, balance and co-ordination which will then help us within our team games and events.

Religious Education

This half term we will be learning about Lent and Holy week. We will be thinking about how Lent is a time of preparation and for seeking forgiveness. We will be reading a range of parables and trying to understand these. We will also be looking at the words of the Our Father and explore how the prayer helps us understand the relationship between Jesus and the Father.