

Year 2
Autumn term
2023 - 2024

DOWN UNDER

HOW IS LIFE DIFFERENT IN AUSTRALIA COMPARED TO THE UK?

RE - Being Human and Life Journeys

In year 2 we will be focusing on the religion of Islam. We will learn about the 5 pillars of Islam and explore some of the key beliefs comparing them with the religion of Christianity. In term 2 we will look at how the religions of Christianity and Islam welcome new babies.

PSHE

We will be following the program Zippy's Friends. In Year 2 we will be learning how to improve our communications skills. We will be looking at being a good listener and knowing who can help us to

PE

Autumn 1 - We will be exploring different tag based movements in a range of games. We will also be working on our coordination and footwork. Developing our balance using one leg.

Autumn 2 - We are fortunate enough to have NK Dance coming in, who will work with us to create our own dance sequence. We will also be working on our dynamic balance to agility. For example jumping and landing.

Computing - Coding / Online safety

In computing we will be learning how to code using simple algorithms, also known as instructions.

In Term 2 we will be exploring the importance of online safety and how we can keep safe.

Geography/ History

We will be learning about Australia comparing it with the UK. We will contrast and compare different physical and human geographical features between the two countries.

Children will continue to develop their map skills.

Values

Autumn 1 - Honesty

This term the children will focus on honesty. They will explore honesty within the bible and what honesty looks like within the community.

Autumn 2 - Love

This term the children will focus on the value of love. We learn what love is and how we can show love. We will focus on what we love about ourselves and we can use this to love others.

Science - Materials

We will be learning about materials and answering the question 'Why do the properties of a waterproof coat make it fit for its purpose?' We will conduct experiments identifying an objects properties and how they are fit for their purpose.

Art/ DT

Art-Exploring techniques to make texture by using charcoal and different materials. Create illustrations using sketching.

DT-Creating a front cover of a book using levers and sliders. We will visit our Central library to explore different books.

Music

This term we will be making links back to our Kenya topic and going on a musical safari. We will explore a variety of different instruments and develop clapping rhythms using the noises of animals. We will make our own call and response rhythms. In Autumn 2 we will be learning songs for our nativity play. We will also be looking at orchestral instruments, using stories to help with our musical

Special days

WOW day - I am a year 2 get me out of here!

Trip to the library - Date TBC

Harvest Festival - Wednesday 4th October

How to help at home:

1. Please make sure your child reads to an adult at home as much as possible. You can use the reading record provided to make notes of your reading activities.
2. Please also help and encourage your child to practice their weekly phonics and spellings patterns - please look back over previous weeks too so we can ensure these are not forgotten!
3. We would love to hear about or see any additional reading or research linked to our topics or learning. Please share with us anything extra you do at home.
4. Learning your 2,5 and 10 x tables!
5. Playing TT Rock stars