

Year 2 Autumn Term 1
Learning Together - Topic Summary



Our environment.

Here are some of the things your child will be learning about in this topic.

English

We will be reading *Silly Billy* by Anthony Browne and *The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark* by Jill Tomlinson. Within these books, we will focus on the character's worries and develop our own short story. We will be learning how to write an effective letter, with adjectives, nouns and question sentences. We will begin to join our letters.

Maths

We will learning about addition and subtraction; looking at the structure of addition of three single-digit numbers working towards strategies for adding and subtracting across ten. We will be looking at subtraction as 'difference' as well as odd and even numbers. Then moving onto two-digit numbers and multiples of ten.

Geography

We will be learning about features of our environment, starting with the school, the playground, and then thinking about Cosham and where we live. We will be looking at maps and locating familiar places. We will be drawing our own simple maps and creating a simple key.

Key Vocabulary: landmark, urban, symbol, business, left, right, atlas, features, human, physical

Science

We shall be learning about the importance of a healthy diet and different types of food. We shall perform an experiment about hygiene and the importance of washing our hands and brushing our teeth. Looking at animals (including humans), we will discover the four basic needs for survival.

Key Vocabulary: healthy, hygiene, essential, survival, water, food, air, balanced

Art

We will studying the artist Vincent Van Gogh and his sunflower paintings then sketching sunflowers using our observations. We will also look at contemporary artist Nancy Standlee and reproducing sunflowers using her technique of torn paper collage.

Computing

How computers work and common uses of information technology in school and beyond.

R.E

Identifying ways in which many Christians celebrate Harvest.

P.E and games

The children will develop and apply their footwork and one leg balance through focused skill development, cooperative and competitive games.

Design Technology

We will be designing, making and evaluating vegetable kebabs. This includes learning how to prepare food safely.

P.S.H.E.

Children will learn about belonging and about being the same and different in the community. We will also learn about money and how to look after it.

Music

The children will discover ways to use their voices to describe feelings and moods. They will create, notate and perform vocal sounds, building to a performance.

Important dates and information:

PE and games: Monday and Tuesday

Library: Wednesday

New home reading book every Friday

How you can support your child

Look at maps and locate where we live. What human or physical features can you see on your way to school? Compare the techniques used by Van Gogh and Standlee as artists. Talk about the different food groups that you eat. Enjoy reading books together - do any of the characters have worries? How are they resolved?