

Our Amazing World



This half term, Year 2, will be appreciating *our amazing world* and asking what we can do to take responsibility for looking after our world?

In **Music**, we will be creating music inspired by African songs and animals.

In **DT**, we will be working with textiles and practising our joining skills with a view to making our own glove puppets. Children will design, make and evaluate their work and have opportunities to use the finished product in a puppet show.

In **Maths**, this half term, we will begin by focusing on telling the time to the nearest 5-minute interval. We will then work on measures and length, moving to secure our ability to find the total and the difference using mental calculation and informal and formal written methods. We will continue to secure our understanding of the four number operations.

In **Science**, children will explore how plants grow and what they need to survive. We will complete our own investigations and will observe plants as they grow. We will also take the opportunity to use our learning to grow plants to improve the area outside Year 2.

Our **PE** will now take place on a Wednesday and children should wear (weather appropriate) PE kit into school each Wednesday.

In PE we will be learning about sending and receiving and reaction and response.

In our **Computing**, this term, we will be learning about what stop motion animation is and will be working to create our own stop motion animation.

Our **RE** will look at Gospel in terms of good and bad news. We will consider what Christians believe to be good news and how this impacts on their actions and how they live their lives.

In **Geography**, this half term we will be thinking about Tanzania in Africa and learning about aspects of the landscape, climate, environment, culture and lifestyle. We will then compare this to what we learnt about our local area of Hatch Warren and Beggarwood earlier in the year. We will think about some of the issues locally and in Tanzania and will consider our global responsibilities. We will consider ways that we can take action and make a difference to our world.

Through our **English**, we will be further developing our writing skills and enriching our use of vocabulary. We will be starting the term by completing a diary entry using another super Anthony Browne book called Voices in the Park. Across the half term, we will also write instruction texts linked with our DT, complete some book reviews and story writing.

In each unit, we will be working hard to extend the range of vocabulary we use and to strengthen our use of grammar through the use of lenses from our writing rainbow.