

YEAR 2 NEWS

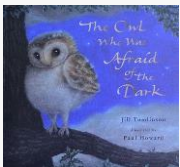
U.K. Cities

Dear Parent and Carers,

Our topic this half term is all about 'U.K. Cities'. We will be building on the children's knowledge from Year 1 where they found out some facts about the U.K. as a whole. This year we will look at the cities in detail.

English

In English we will be looking at 2 texts this half term. The first text is named 'Troll Swap' by Leigh Hodgkinson. We will be predicting events, exploring adjectives and nouns and writing letters. Our second text will be 'The Owl that was Afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson. During this text we use lots of descriptive vocabulary, research owls and create fact files all about them.



Maths

In maths we are using the White Rose Education scheme to support the teaching of Maths.

This half term we will continue to look at addition and subtraction, building on what we learnt in year 1. Next we will be exploring 2D and 3D shapes. In Year 1 we spent time naming 2D and 3D shapes. In year 2 we will again look at these in more detail to identify vertices, faces and edges.



Science

This half term we will be learning about the environment. How can we care for our planet? This will include concepts such as recycling, saving energy and how our climate is changing. It will also explore the impact of humans on the planet.

Geography

We will be reading maps and drawing some of our own. We will be learning about different capital cities around the UK and then see how Manchester compares to them. We will look at the physical and human features of each capital city.

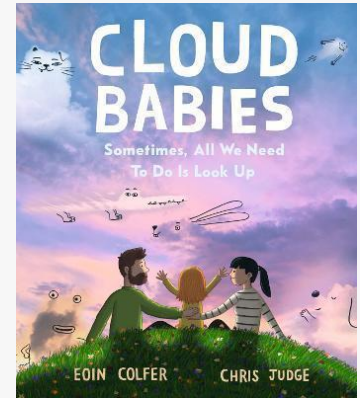
We will be exploring the use of compass directions and name the first 4. These are North, East, South and West.

Art

This half term in Art we will be investigating Ancient Art. This will include making our own ancient paint brush to then create our very own paintings. We will explore the history of Ancient Art and discuss those we like best. We will also be creating a mosaic including an image of an animal.

FComputing

We will be learning about staying safe on the internet. We will be using Purple Mash to help us. We will also start to learn how to use spreadsheets. We will use them to total amounts and start to solve money problems. The children's password has been sent home so you can have a look together.



Our class novel will be 'Cloud Babies' by Eoin Colfer and Chris Judge

PE

We have P.E on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. Please make sure that your child comes into school wearing their P.E kit on these days.

Music

This half term we will be learning to play the glockenspiel. We will be starting stage 1. This involves reading simple music and finding the notes and playing a duet.

Reading

We will hear your child read every week within class through 1:1 reading with the TA or Teacher and within our guided reading sessions. Your child will come home with a reading book linked to their phonic knowledge or level. Please try to read at least each day. Children are reminded to change their reading books when they arrive in the morning if it is needed.

Phonics

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Year 2 will continue their phonics lessons. We will be exploring alternative sounds.

Thank you for all of your support and if you have any questions please ask.

Mr Cain & Miss Thomas