

What shapes life in Faringdon?

Year 2 — Autumn Term 2



English

This term we will be exploring the story 'Wild' by Emily Hughes and developing our comprehension skills as we explore the words and illustrations and how they convey the characters feelings and author's message. We will then have a big focus on poetry starting with the poem 'Leap like a leopard' by John Foster followed by a range of poems on the theme of Christmas. We will be writing narratives and setting descriptions based on the story of 'Wild' and write our own poems inspired by the word choices, structure and patterns of 'Leap like a leopard' and poetry on the theme of Christmas.

Maths

In Maths we will continue the work we started on addition and subtraction by exploring the addition and subtraction of two-digit numbers by adding and subtracting tens and ones. We will revisit and develop our knowledge of number bonds to 10, 20 and 100. We will use concrete maths manipulatives and pictorial representations to help us understand and solve addition and subtraction problems, and explain the reasoning behind our answers. We will progress onto properties of shape, using terminology of faces, edges and vertices when describing 2D and 3D shapes, finding lines of symmetry and exploring patterns.

Phonics

We will continue to follow the Read Write Inc Phonics Scheme, working in differentiated smaller groups appropriate for their current phonics knowledge. In our phonics lessons we will continue to learn the new digraphs and trigraphs that we call 'special friends'. We will also blend for reading and pinch sounds on our fingers when segmenting for spellings. We will continue our group reads alongside our phonics sessions, where the whole group discusses the same text linked to the phonics we have been learning in our groups. We will continue to take home Book Bag books linked to our phonics so we can practise at home.

Science

This term we have been investigating what it means to be healthy and how we can keep ourselves and others healthy. We will discuss how health is made up of diet, exercise, sleep, and mental wellbeing. We will learn about how a balanced diet is the healthiest and what happens to our bodies when we exercise and why. Finally we will investigate what germs are, how they spread and how best to keep our hands clean! Be prepared for some glittery children!

Geography

Children will learn about the physical features and landscape of Oxfordshire, including the Ridgeway and the Thames. We will be sorting physical and human features, locating Oxfordshire and its geographical features and studying maps to gain a better understanding of Faringdon. The children will explore OS maps and have the opportunity to create their own. We will complete our unit with a discussion around which matters more; physical features or human features?

Art

In art this term we will be focusing on sculpture and looking at the artwork by Henry Moore and Barbara Hepworth. We will look at each artist's work and reflect on the shapes, textures, materials and style of their work, creating artist studies and giving our own opinions about the work. We will use their sculptures as inspiration and create sketches of our own designs, using shading to show the texture and to show where the rounded smooth curves are on our designs. We will then create our sculpture designs by modelling and manipulating clay.

Physical Education

Our Physical Education lessons will be developing our Fundamental skills—how we move when we change direction, how to develop our dodging and our balance and stability. We will be exploring jumping, hopping and skipping actions. Children will be able to provide feedback to each other and will continue the great listening skills they began practising in Term 1. In Dance the children will be responding to music using movement and beginning to compose simple dances, working together to create and perform a dance.

Computing

We will learn how to log in to the Chromebooks! Then once we are successfully logged in, we will use Book Creator to create a digital book. This will include adding and editing text, adding images and using typing skills.

We will also complete online safety lessons with a focus on online bullying and how we use the internet safely at home versus in public.

Music

In Music, we will use a song called 'Ho, Ho, Ho!' a fun Christmas themed song. We will listen to songs including 'Ho, Ho, Ho!' and appraise them. Using games and activities we will find the pulse as we are listening to the music. We will learn how to clap rhythms. Pitch will also be explored using the vocabulary 'high' and 'low'. We will learn how to sing the song and discuss how we can add moves when we perform.

PSHE

This term in our Jigsaw PSHE scheme, through the topic of 'Celebrating Difference'. We will learn about how sometimes people can be stereotyped based on their gender when people are able to enjoy a variety of interests and activities regardless of their gender. We will also be exploring bullying and strategies to deal with bullying if it happens to you or a friend.

Religious Education

We will be continuing our focus on Christianity during the Autumn Term as we continue to explore the theme 'What did Jesus teach?' This reflects on how Christians believe Jesus taught them about kindness. We will look at the Bible stories of Jesus Heals the Paralysed Man and reflect on how kindness is shown in each story. We will then reflect on how we show kindness to others and whether it is always easy to be kind.