

YEAR TWO TOPIC NEWSLETTER



Summer Term 2024

Where the Wild

Things Are

(7 weeks)



This exciting topic in Year Two this half term has a heavy focus on plant life. We will start by introducing the term 'germination', and will recap on how a plant starts to grow (from a seed or bulb). The children will carry out a fair test and will also make predictions about what the optimum temperature is for certain plants to grow.

In geography, the children will be preparing for their end of year trip to Monkey World, where they will use their map skills to navigate the park looking at both human and physical features.



Our focus text in literacy is 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak. It is a great book to capture the children's imagination, as the child's room changes into another world: where the 'Wild Things' live. We will focus on this setting description and use this to innovate our very own worlds. Alongside this, the children will use the information learnt in topic time to write an informative report about how plants grow from a seed or a bulb, and all the things that a plant needs to grow.

In maths, the children will recap and build upon their prior learning while looking at measurement and multiplication and division.

Throughout this half term in Year Two, we will aim to work very closely with the staff and children at Canford Heath Junior School, to help with the transition to junior school. We have many activities planned, including visits to Canford Heath Junior School, so that the children can start to get a taste for life in Year Three. We are also in contact with other local schools to ensure that all our children have a smooth transition. This term, the children will find out which teacher they will have next year and will get the opportunity to spend time in their new classroom with their new teacher on Transfer Day.

If your child will attend Canford Heath Junior School or Haymoor Junior School in September, please do keep hold of your child's summer uniform during the summer

holidays in the case of hot weather in September, as they may extend the wearing of this uniform for part of the Autumn Term.

Home Learning Activity

For the children's home learning, we would like them to choose a plant or flower that they like and then produce their own beautiful picture of that plant or flower. This can be completed using paints, chalks, pastels, collage, colouring pencils, felt tips or whatever they choose. Please label this picture with the parts of a plant. The children's home learning must be sent into school by **Monday 8th July 2024** (please feel free to send it in earlier).

Focus Author

This half term, we will be reading and discussing books and stories written by the author David Walliams. There are some lovely shorter stories to read by this author, such as 'The Slightly Annoying Elephant' or 'There's a Snake in my School' but if your child would like a bit more challenge, suggestions of longer texts include 'Mr Stink' and 'The Midnight Gang'.

Diary Dates

Thursday 6th June – Transition event at Canford Heath Junior School

Monday 10th June – Year 2 Sports Day

Friday 14th June - RNLI water safety talk

Monday 17th June – Transition event at Canford Heath Junior School

Monday 24th June – Inset Day (school is closed for children)

Friday 28th June – Transfer Day

Monday 1st July – LP and LN Monkey World trip

Wednesday 3rd July - TG and PN Monkey World trip

Thursday 4th July – Transition event at Canford Heath Junior School

Friday 5th July – Aspirations Day

W/C 8th July – Science Week

Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th July – Parent Consultation Evenings

Friday 12th July – Non-school uniform day and PATCH Summer Fair (at CHJS)

Tuesday 16th July – Year 2 Leavers Assemblies (9:15am)

Tuesday 16th July – Year 2 leavers disco (4:00pm – 5:30pm)

Tuesday 23rd July – Last day of term

SPECIFIC LETTERS ABOUT SOME OF THESE EVENTS WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY

P.E- Gymnastics and Outdoor Games

In PE this half term, the children will be learning gymnastics. The children will explore a range of apparatus and learn to use these safely.

In outdoor games, we follow a scheme called 'Get Set 4 PE' which is fully aligned to the National Curriculum and Ofsted requirements. This term, we are focusing on striking and fielding, alongside sports day practise.

PE days for this half term continue to be as follows:

Lions: Tuesday and Wednesday

Leopards: Monday and Thursday

Tigers: Monday and Thursday

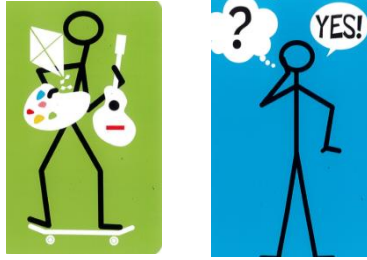
Panthers: Tuesday and Wednesday

Please help us to keep your child safe by removing their earrings on PE and outdoor games days, otherwise they will be unable to participate in some parts of these sessions. Please also ensure that, if your child has long hair, it is always tied back; their PE kit is in school and that their clothes are clearly labelled with their name. Your child's PE bag will be sent home half termly to be washed.

P.S.H.E. and Religion and World Views

The children's learning will be moving onto the unit 'Changing Me'. In this unit, the children will be learning about lifecycles in nature, growing from young to old, their changing bodies and recognising feelings during times of change.

We will be recapping the 'Free Flow' trick and learning the 'Big Yes' trick from our Trickbox this half term.



In RVW, the children will be learning the parables of The Lost Sheep, Sower and Seed and The Wise and Foolish Builders.

If you have any questions about this newsletter, please contact your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Taylor, Miss Woodman, Mrs Robertshaw, Miss White and Mrs Thorne