

# YEAR TWO TOPIC NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term 2022



## Globetrotters (5 weeks)

This is our exciting geography topic where the children learn about the world's seven continents, specifically the continent of Africa and where the children will have the opportunity to compare an African village with that of Canford Heath. We will look at similarities and differences between various things such as culture, the weather, location and food.

In literacy, we will study the story of 'Lila and the Secret of Rain' written by David Conway, which is set in Kenya. The children will gain an understanding of different cultures and ways of life in another country. They will write a non-chronological report, a diary and another story based on the story of 'Lila and the Secret of the Rain' using 'Talk 4 Writing' strategies.

In maths, the children will continue to learn about place value, as well as strategies for addition and subtraction using concrete, pictorial and abstract methods.

In geography, the children will practise their map reading skills by going on a walk around the local area, looking for human and physical features. We will also organise a trip to Poole Quay to complete 'The Cockle Trail Walk' where the children will learn lots about the history of Poole and the famous pirate, Harry Paye.

In Science, the children will be learning about habitats and how certain animals are suited to their habitats. In addition to learning about living things and their basic needs, the children will learn about what might be alive; what might have once been alive but is now dead and what might never have been alive.

### Home Learning Activity

For the children's home learning, we would like them to create their own micro-habitat using an old shoe box. There are some great ideas if you look online ... good luck!

Please can your child's home learning be brought into school by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022.

### Focus Author

This half term, we will be continuing to read and discuss books and stories written by the author Roald Dahl such as 'Charlie and The Chocolate Factory and Matilda'.

### Diary Dates

During this exciting topic, there are two fantastic trips planned to support your child's learning. There is a small contribution required towards the use of the minibus for the Cockle Trail trip.

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Canford Heath Walk – Panthers and Lions

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September - Canford Heath Walk – Tigers and Leopards

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Year 2 Patch disco

Poole Quay trip to complete Cockle Trail walk

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October (Leopards)

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October (Tigers)

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October (Panthers)

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October (Lions)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Julia Donaldson sponsored read day/ break up for Half Term

*\* Letters will follow nearer to the time \**

### P.E. – Dance and Outdoor Games

During the 5 weeks of this topic, the children will learn and perform an African dance related to our book, 'Lila and the Secret Rain'.

PE days are as follows:

Lions: Monday and Tuesday

Leopards: Tuesday and Wednesday

Tigers: Monday and Thursday

Panthers: Wednesday and Thursday

In Outdoor Games, we follow the GetSet4PE program which is fully aligned to the National Curriculum and focuses on the development of fitness with regards to agility, balance, coordination and cooperative learning.

Please help us to keep your child safe by removing their earrings on PE and outdoor games days, otherwise they will be unable to take part in these sessions. Please also ensure that if your child has long hair, it is tied back; their PE kit is in school and that their clothes

are clearly labelled with their name. Your child's PE bag will stay at school all half term and be sent home for a wash in the holidays.

### P.S.H.E. and RE (Religious Education)

As detailed in the previous topic newsletter, the children will continue to follow the Jigsaw scheme of work in PSHE lessons by thinking about and discussing our school values of harmony, creativity and lifelong learning. They will be reminded of the school charters for a 'happy class'. Also, they will be learning to feel good about themselves; to understand how they and others are feeling and to know what to do to make the classroom and school a safe and fair place.

In RE, the children will continue to learn about Christianity.

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

Thank you for your continued support.

### **Teaching Staff - Year Two**

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

### **Teaching Assistants and Individual Support Assistants**

Mrs Bradley, Mrs Finney, Miss Guppy, Mrs Guite, Mrs  
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