

Enfield Heights Academy

Spring Term 2019 Year 2

English

Year two and key stage two are working in their classes from our new 'Literacy and Language' scheme, developed by the same team that created our phonics programme. This scheme introduces the children to a range of age-appropriate texts and writing techniques. Through structured class reading and discussion, the children incrementally plan their extended writing. For comprehension, key stage two are also using 'Comprehension X' in which ten key transferrable comprehension skills are taught through a variety of interesting texts.

Maths

We have now implemented a new scheme called Inspire Maths across our school. Inspire Maths is the UK version of a highly acclaimed Singapore maths programme. The curriculum places an emphasis on building children's deep contextual understanding and problem solving, through developing key skills and concepts around a CPA approach (Concrete, Pictorial, Abstract). CPA involves using physical objects (concrete), then diagrams or pictures (pictorial) and ultimately using representations such as numerals (abstract). Children will be supported and guided as they work collaboratively in pairs or small groups through guided practice activities. This will help to develop a deep understanding of mathematical concepts, language and reasoning through collaborative work. It will also provide further opportunities to check children's understanding by observing their use of concrete apparatus such as Numicon, Base 10, cubes and counters. This guided practice will develop children's deep understanding and fluency required for mastery

Science

Our subject this half term in Science is Space. Year Two will be learning about the solar system including planets, the moon and stars. We will practise reciting the planets in order of closest to the sun. We will also study the effects of the moon on the Earth and the phases of the moon.

Topic: History / Geography

This term we are practicing using globes, atlases and maps to learn about Planet Earth. Our Geography topic this term is about the human and physical features of countries in different parts of the world – with a particular focus on Alice Springs in Australia. We are going to investigate how life is different for people who live there and the reasons behind these differences. In History we are learning about the impacts of the Romans on Britain and are making comparisons between how they lived to how we do now.

Computing

In ICT we are learning about creating a portfolio of images based on nature. Children will be using iPads and cameras and learn how to edit photos. They will learn about the composition of a photo and the importance of taking a series of photos.

Art & Design

In Art this term Year 2 are exploring skills used by artists, focusing on the use of shapes to create pictures and textures. We are going to be looking at artwork created by famous artists, such as Picasso and Mondrian, which children will try to recreate.

P.E.

Our topic for PE this term is ball skills during our outdoor lessons and gymnastics during our indoor lessons. Year 2 are going to practice choreographing a sequence of movements in pairs and groups during gymnastics. In outdoor lessons we will be using footballs, netballs and basketballs and practicing skills to control a ball.

Homework

Homework will be set weekly on a Friday and will be expected to be returned by Wednesday. Homework consists of English, Maths and spellings which will be a consolidation of their learning in class. Children are expected to read daily for at least 20 minutes. Children's reading books will be changed once a week.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to arrange a meeting to speak with me after school.

Miss Whitby