

St Mary's C of E Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

YEAR GROUP: One and Two

TERM: Autumn 2

Number of weeks: Seven

Topic: Twit Two!

Overview

We will be following the story of a young boy who takes a walk through a woods and notices the changes as the seasons change. We will meet a range of creatures, some, who hibernate and others who love the coldness of winter. Plop is frightened up in his nest. It is dark. It is cold, and he doesn't understand why everyone else thinks dark is wonderful. We will join Plop on his adventure to find out what is so wonderful about night time. We will meet all the characters who try to persuade him to become a night owl. Will Plop ever overcome his worries and enjoy the excitement of the dark?

IMPORTANT DATES - Nativity Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th December 9.30am.

Engage:

Our topic will start with reading the story of Plop, an anxious owl who doesn't understand why the people he meets like the dark. We will explore the ideas behind dark being kind, exciting and necessary.

Develop: English

Our texts this half term will include *The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark* and *Winter Sleep - A Hibernation Story*.

Science

Plop needs a nest!
We will be investigating the best materials to use to keep him and his family warm and dry.

Art and Design

We will be using various textiles to make feathers. We will be looking at textile artists and will be using fabric, thread and weaving techniques.

PSHE

Celebrating Difference - Our work this half term will focus on what makes us all so special and what our qualities are. We will be thinking about what makes us different and how 'different is wonderful!'

History

Our history this half term will be based on the lives of Charles Darwin and Sir David Attenborough.

We will be researching Charles Darwin and finding out how his scientific discoveries have changed our views today.

We will be looking at the work Sir David Attenborough has done towards charities and how he changed the way the world views climate change and the environmental impact humans have on so many endangered creatures around the world.

Freeflow

The children will be working on designing an information text based on Sir David Attenborough. We will use all the information gained during history lessons to make the text interesting for the reader and will be sharing this with parents on Campfire Day!

Express At the end of our 'Twit, Two!' topic we want to invite our families to our campfire. We will enjoy an evening of campfire songs, hot chocolate and of course roasted marshmallows. We will need to wrap up warm as it will be in December! We will be sharing with you all our topic work in the warmth of the classroom on this evening too. A letter will follow with further details of this event.

ICT: This half term we will be focussing on internet safety Maze Explorers and questioning. We will be thinking about how to keep ourselves safe when online and the information that we share with others. We will also be using Purple Mash.

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/stmarysbn17>

Maths:

Our main focus for this half term will be Addition and Subtraction and Shape.

There are three areas of learning in maths that benefit hugely from parental support - they are the 3 C's - Cooking, Clocks and Coins. Try to include your children in cooking at home, measuring out ingredients, talk about what time it is, how many minutes until the next hour, using coins as much as possible and show your children what coins look like and how to make different totals.

Visits/Visitors

On Tuesday 14th November will be visited by lots of feathery friends from Owls About Town. We will learn what owls eat, where they live and what we can do to make our environment more owl friendly. A letter will follow with further details of this event.



Home Learning Tasks

Home learning will involve reading at home as much as possible, recording these 'reads' in Reading Records, learning weekly spellings and choosing activities from the Home Learning grid. All children are expected to complete one task every week.