



Year Two Newsletter

Classes 2L and 2H

This term the children will be exploring the following topics:

In **Science**, we will be learning about 'Living Things and Their Habitats' where we will explore how different living things are suited to the habitat or micro-habitat in which they live. We will compare the differences between things that are living, dead or have never been alive. Finally, we will describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using simple food chains.

How can parents help? Over the coming months, as spring hopefully starts to arrive, explore the micro-habitats you have in your own back garden and see which living things you can find.

In **Maths**, some of units we will cover are money, 3D shape and fractions. In our shape lessons we will sort shapes based on the number of sides, vertices and other factors. When learning about money we will be counting money and looking at making amounts using different denominations of coins. For fractions we will be finding half, quarter and a third of different amounts. In our fluency sessions we will revise the four operations and revisiting using the column method with renaming.

In **Literacy** we will be reading the text *Lila and the Secret of Rain* linked to our Geography unit of Kenya. We will develop our writing skills through a range of opportunities: A narrative, non-chronological reports linked to Africa, recounts, diary entries and letters. We will also look at poems with a structure: riddles.

This half-term in **History** we will be studying the famous individual Rosa Parks. We will find out who she was and what made her famous. We will understand what life was like for black people and her impact.

In **Geography**, our unit is 'Where would you prefer to live: UK or Kenya?' We will learn where Kenya is in relation to the continents, countries and equator. We will also find out about some of the similarities and differences between Kenya and the UK.

In **RE**, our unit is 'Why do Muslims believe it is important to obey God?' We will explore Islamic beliefs and practices linked to prayer, exploring the significance of prayer as one of the Five Pillars of Islam and to consider the purpose of prayer for religious people.

In PE our outdoor unit will be target games.

We will master basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching but in team games developing tactics.

In DT we will be designing and making a Ferris wheel. We will be exploring wheel mechanisms and selecting materials to build and test a moving wheel.

Messages and reminders

We kindly request that reading books are read at home regularly and sent into school every day for reading time with an adult at school. Please encourage your child to complete the set activities on EdShed. Spelling tests will take place on a Friday.

We would like to thank you all for your continued support and collaboration. We look forward to meeting with you soon to discuss your child's current progress and attainment.