



The Bellbird Primary School

'Soaring to Success'

Year 2 Autumn Term

PE:

Indoor PE for Goldfinches will be on Tuesday morning and Skylarks will have indoor PE on Friday afternoon. Outdoor PE/adventurous activities will take place on a Monday.

Please ensure your child comes into school wearing suitable PE kit and footwear.

Art and DT:

Art will usually be linked to topic work. Children will learn how to mix primary colours to make secondary colours and they will be creating shades of colour using a range of art media.

In DT, children will be learning about the importance of hygiene and will be evaluating designs.

RE:

Children will be learning about Christianity. They will be listening to and telling stories from the Bible and they will be learning about how Christians and Jewish people celebrate Harvest time.

PSHE:

Our PSHE work focuses on understanding our emotions. We will build on our existing vocabulary linked to emotions and we will practise a range of calming down strategies.

Topic:

Our topic this term takes us to the Caribbean! We will be locating and naming continents and oceans before we explore and compare the island of Jamaica with the UK. The children will research information about Jamaica using maps, books and the internet.

Topic

Over the Sea and Far Away

Goldfinches:

Mrs Hines

Mrs Thorpe

Mrs Gilmore

Skylarks:

Miss Dutton

Mrs Ong

Mrs Pacey

Mrs Foster

English:

We will start by exploring the whole school text 'In our Hands'. We will also be reading and writing our own Anansi stories and we will write some fact files linked to spiders. We will also write about the journey of a hummingbird

Reading

The children will change their home reading books once a week. Their reading record books will be checked reading practice sessions.

Phonics, Spelling and Handwriting

The children follow the Little Wandle revised Letters and Sounds phonic programme and our focus this term will be revising Phase 5. Spellings will be given out on a Friday and the test will take place on the following Friday. The weekly spelling lists will be coming home in the Letter-join font and there will be up to three spotlight words each week along with the spellings.

Music:

We will explore South African music and instruments and learn some Caribbean songs.

Mathematics:

Our maths work this term will focus on time, place value, counting, comparing and representing numbers to 100, and reading and writing numbers in numerals and words. The children will be counting forwards and backwards in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s

We will then move onto addition and subtraction of two-digit numbers.

All year 2 children will have a Mathletics account to access in school and at home. Mathletics is an online learning platform that allows parents to see the methods we use to teach calculation skills and provides the children with opportunities to practise skills at home. Every two weeks we will set weekly Mathletics tasks for children to do at home.

Science:

Our first unit is 'Animals Including Humans' and this links well with our Caribbean topic.

We will learn how animals, including humans, have offspring that grow into adults. We will find out about and describe the basic needs of animals.

We will learn about the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.

We will also be learning about some key scientists.

