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Year 2 Topic Letter – Autumn Term

Intrepid Travellers

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 2, I hope you all had a relaxing summer break. This term, our class topic is 'Intrepid Travellers', a Geography and History based topic focusing on the seven continents of the world. We are spending our first two weeks in Europe, before flying over China to learn about the Terracotta Warriors, creating Chinese inspired artwork and reading a traditional Chinese Folktale. During the first half term, Year 2 will explore Europe, Asia and Africa. We will study some of the wonders of the world, compare cultures and learn about different traditions. We will link History, Art, DT and Science throughout the term for each country we visit. After the half term break, we will continue our journey to the other continents; North America, South America, Oceania and end in Antarctica.

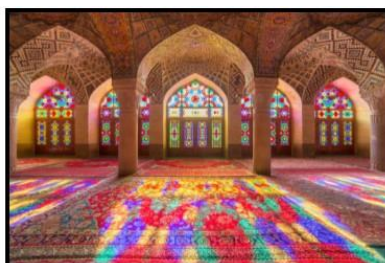
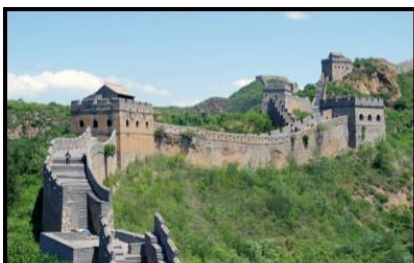
English

In English, we are starting with a whole school project on the Oliver Jeffers book 'Here We Are'. The children will have opportunities to share their learning with the other classes through Zoom assemblies and displays. We will then start reading the Julia Donaldson version of the Chinese tale 'The Magic Paintbrush'. The children will be introduced to different versions of the story before rewriting the tale with their own original ending. Before half term, our focus will be on writing instructions. The children will first learn how to make a kaleidoscope before writing instructions to teach a friend. The children will also learn to cook a simple Moroccan dish and will then be able to write down the recipe instructions.



Art

Art this term will be inspired by our visits to Asia and Africa. We will start by exploring the blue city of Chefchaouen in Morocco. The children will then be challenged to create paintings using only shades of one colour. They will need to carefully consider line, shape, form and space in order to express their ideas. Our first Design and Technology project will be to make Kaleidoscopes inspired by the colourful Nasir-ol-molk Mosque in Iran.



Science

Our Science learning will be based on Materials this term. We have already started by burying a range of materials on the school grounds, which we will dig up in July to observe how materials change over time. Children will learn to identify different materials and we will construct experiments to determine which materials are most suitable for particular uses. Our next investigation will be to find the best material to make a waterproof coat for our classroom teddy.

Maths

The children have made a great start to Maths learning this term. Please feel free to look at the classroom Maths Learning Wall where the key maths concepts for the week will be explained. This term, we will focus on numbers up to 100 and addition and subtraction, supporting children to gain a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts. We will focus on: mathematical language, where children will be encouraged to explain their maths thinking, understanding objects and pictures before moving on to symbols and signs then problem solving. The children should be becoming more fluent with their number facts and be able to recall number bonds from memory.

Reading

Please read to and with your child daily. I will read formally with your child each week during a guided reading session where the children will change their books. Children will be given two levelled reading books and they will be able to select two books to enjoy at home. A list informing you which day your child will change his or her books will be placed on the classroom door and children will need to bring their Book Bags on these days, however, it is useful for children to have their Book Bags in school every day. Please note that children will not be allowed to take books home unless they have their Book Bag in school. If your child does not yet have a Book Bag, please speak to Lisa in the school office where you can purchase one. Each child will also have a reading diary. This is for you to record your comments on your child's reading, for the children to write about their books (eg: whether they enjoyed a book, whether they found it difficult or easy to read and why etc.) and for adults in school to make comments also.



Spelling

Throughout the year, the children will be taught a range of spelling rules. We will let you know our focus for spelling and send home a supporting list of words for your child to practise, as well as suggestions for activities to support their learning. These lists will be stuck in the children's Home Learning books and I will sign each list when they have successfully learnt all the words.

PE

This term, children will have PE on Tuesday afternoons with me and on Wednesday mornings with the PE coach. Children should wear trainers and comfortable clothes on these days that are easy to move in.

Home Learning

Children will need support to complete their Home Learning each week. They will receive a Home Learning journal to take home every Thursday with activities and games for them to complete. It is essential that all children bring their Home Learning Journals to school every Wednesday, so they can be checked and are ready for the new home learning to be added for the following week.

Unfortunately at this time, we have paused the educational trips we usually take our children on. This is with the safety of the children in mind and the practicalities of ensuring all children and parents feel comfortable with the learning environment. We will, however, do our best to ensure we bring as much rich, diverse learning into the classroom as possible.

This term, my PPA time will be covered by Rebecca Wall on Wednesday afternoons. Rebecca will support the children to learn their spelling lists and Maths facts. This Year Raluca and Anna will also be

Thank you for a great start to the year. If you have any queries, please feel free to see me before school.

Kind regards,

Rachel Webb

