

The Journey Home



Autumn 1

'The Journey Home' will encourage the children to think carefully about the world around them and how we are looking after it. The children will take on the role of environmentalists to research and change how people treat the planet we live in. In SMSC, they will focus their studies on the responsibilities we all have to recycle and protect the habitats of animals.

English

Writing

Throughout the topic, the children will be writing non-chronological reports about the problems the animals in the book are facing. We will have a particular focus on punctuation, adjectives and conjunctions.

Reading

There will be a huge focus on reading throughout Year 2. During the first term, we will develop the children's retrieval skills – their ability to answer questions finding evidence from the text.

Maths

This half term we will be focusing on number skills, specifically place value, addition and subtraction. These

skills will be taught using a range of methods, including practical, pictorial, written and mental strategies. Each day the children will complete a short, speedy maths session. This allows them to practise number skills and develop their fluency.



Science

For this topic, we will look at the basic needs of animals and what they need to survive. We

will identify different habitats and the children will create their own habitat boxes. Please send a shoebox (and spare if possible) into school by the 21st September to enable this to happen.

DT/ Art

As mentioned in science, the children will be making habitat boxes for an endangered animal. To help support our story writing, the children will sew a puppet animal that potentially could be extinct in the near future.

Geography

The children will create their own maps and will identify where in the world different animals live. They will learn

the names of the main oceans and continents as well as being taught to identify hot and cold countries.

Computing

This term, we will be developing the children's computer literacy so they become confident in logging onto the computers, using some basic programmes and saving work into their folders. Application of typing skills will run throughout.

Ways to help at home

Please continue to support your child with their weekly homework. You can also help your child by encouraging as much reading as possible.

Dates and Visits

Parent Maths Workshop: Tuesday 18th September 2018

Junk Orchestra: Monday 24th
September 2018 (£2 per
child)

