

Year 2 – A Bear Called Paddington

This topic will be based on one of the most loved and famous bears – Paddington. Each week, we will read a Paddington book, written by Michael Bond. The stories will provide us with a springboard for learning across the curriculum. The children will do a number of activities based on the book throughout the week to develop a deep understanding of the characters and story. Throughout this topic, we will look at different places around the world, major landmarks, weather and differences in cultures. Alongside this, the children will explore the needs of humans and animals and how they've changed and grown.

Main Activities and learning outcomes	How you can help at home	Visits
<p>English The topic will start with story writing and the children will create their own stories about an adventure Paddington might have in Dunmow. As part of our geography, we will be making our own travel brochure, writing persuasively to encourage Paddington to visit different places (fictional and non-fictional). We will then move onto letter writing, answering Paddington's questions about the culture and traditions in England, writing from our own experiences.</p> <p>Maths We will consolidate our knowledge of place value, addition and subtraction by working with money. Following this, we will then start looking at the 2s, 5s and 10 times tables and their related division facts.</p> <p>Geography The children will be looking carefully at different places around the world and comparing them. In particular, we will think about the differences between the place we live and those further afield. The children will explore significant landmarks within Great Dunmow and distinguish between human and physical features. Using this knowledge, we will create our own maps of Dunmow using a key.</p> <p>Science The children will learn about the needs of animals, how babies grow and the lifecycle of an animals. We will link this to how the Brown family took in Paddington and looked after him.</p> <p>Art / D&T Inspired by Paddington's pop-up book of London, we will make our own pop-up books. The children will be making their own Paddington bears and creating pop-art prints of London landmarks.</p> <p>PSHE As a class, we will be looking at how children can play safely with each other, including workshops on identifying appropriate behaviours. We will help the children to gain the confidence to speak up if they do not like something.</p> <p>RE This half term we are going to be finding out about other faiths and their festivals. We will particularly focus on Diwali, the festival of light, a Hindu festival and Hanukkah, a Jewish festival. During advent, we will be exploring the Christmas story ready for our Christmas production (details to follow).</p>	<p>Read together as often as possible. Question them throughout to help develop their reading comprehension.</p> <p>Learn spellings on the weekly homework.</p> <p>Play with your child and encourage them to talk in full sentences using new vocabulary.</p> <p>Discuss the different places you might have been to in the world, abroad or at home. As we will be learning about London, please share your own experiences of visits you may have had there.</p> <p>Practise solving number problems in everyday situations. Look at the value of the digits in a number and how they can be manipulated to solve addition / subtraction problems.</p> <p>Play times table games.</p> <div data-bbox="874 1288 1152 1792" data-label="Image"> </div>	<p>Visit to a travel agent.</p> <p>Walk around Dunmow to explore human and physical features.</p> <p>Sing Christmas carols at the Church.</p> <p>Dates and details for all of the above will be confirmed.</p> <hr/> <p>Things to Remember</p> <p>Please collect jars with lids for some cooking towards the end of term.</p> <p>We will also need kitchen roll tubes.</p>