

Year: 2 Class: Elm
Term: Spring 2 2020
Teacher: Mrs Cross
LSA: Miss Hartfield

Welcome back to the new term full of exciting learning and inspiring themes around our core text. We would like children to be tolerant, respectful and show kindness towards children and people around them. Well done for all of the children, who already have completed their bronze and silver reading passports. Keep reading!!!

Year 2's Spring 2 Learning:

English and Reading

This term, our core text is an amazing book called *Angus Rides the Goods Train* by Alan Durant and Chris Riddell. Children will discuss their ideas and the themes within the book, and familiarise themselves with the story via press conference activities and opportunities to collaborate and share their knowledge orally before creating their own newspaper report about the Barnardo's charity.

The children will focus on the work of Dr Barnardo and a historical theme will be present throughout; the children will gather educational resources to donate to Barnardo's charity shops and have the opportunity to visit local charity shops.

Maths

In Maths, children will learn to expand their knowledge and skills with a focus on geometry, fractions and measure. During our geometry topic, children will use 2D and 3D shapes and identify their properties. When learning fractions, children will use their knowledge and skills to find proper and improper fractions of shapes, objects and numbers. In measure, children will use measuring equipment to read and compare capacity and length in different scales.

Science

In Science, children will learn about animals including humans. They will study what animals need to survive and explain how they grow and reproduce. Also, they will learn how to describe the life cycles of living things.

Geography/History

In Geography, we will explore our local area by asking and answering questions. Children will use different resources such as maps, atlases and globes to find different continents, countries and main cities in the world.

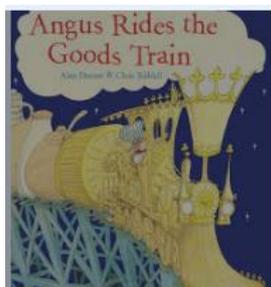
In History, we will learn about life and work Dr Barnardo and how his work impacts children's lives now.

In RE, we will develop our knowledge of the world's religions like Judaism through stories and exploring artefacts. They will have opportunities to share their opinions and views as well as discuss similarities and differences across different faiths.

Art/Design Technology

In Art, children will use mixed media to re-create art work inspired by artist Tom Abbs.





PE

This term, we will focus on how to copy and remember actions as well as explore and repeat actions with control and coordination. In gymnastics, we will plan, practise and perform a sequence of movements. In games, we will learn how to use one tactic in a game and follow simple rules.

Useful Information

PE Kit

Children will be doing PE on Tuesday with Mrs Cross. Please ensure your child has their correct PE kit in school and that all items are clearly labelled with their full name.

Reading Records and Passports

Please check your child's book bag for a reading diary, books and reading passport. The reading diary needs to be signed and handed in EVERY DAY the same as the reading passport. Please date and initial their reading passport for every 5 minutes of reading inside the small box. Children will be awarded with a special certificate for every passport they complete.

Water Bottles/Clothing

Children are allowed to bring their own water bottle to keep in class which they can access throughout the day. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle.

Homework/Spellings/Handwriting

On Friday, children will be given an open-ended question in their Learning Log to respond to and hand in by following Friday. We encourage children to take care in their presentation and handwriting.

Spellings will be given out every Monday and children will be tested the following Monday.

Children take handwriting home twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday. Cursive handwriting script is important for each child to become a confident, fluent writer.

Learning Outcomes from Spring 1- The Tin Forest



Diary Dates

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Friday 6th March- Parent Reading Morning 8:45-9:15

Tuesday 24th March – visit to a local charity shop

Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March (late) Spring Term Parents' Evenings

Friday 27th March – Parent Reading Morning 8:45-9:15