



Year 2 Autumn Newsletter

English

In English we will be looking at writing non-fiction, which will be based around the book *House Held Up by Trees* by Ted Kooser and illustrated by Jon Klassen. We will be writing factual descriptions inspired by the nature around us on our school site. Children will write an estate agent advertisement as well as use conjunctions to explain the life cycle of trees, which links to our Science topic on living things and their environments. We will discuss the characters in the text, including what the deeper message of the book could be, and will finish with an extended factual report about the trees at a local park.

Mathematics

As mathematicians we will be learning about addition and subtraction. We will be investigating-

- Bonds to 10
- Fact families - addition and subtraction bonds within 20
- Bonds to 100 (tens)
- Add by making 10
- Add three 1-digit numbers
- Add to the next 10

In measurement lessons we will be learning about money -

- Counting and recognising pounds and pence
- Making amounts (£1)
- Finding change
- Comparing money
- Working out money problems

Topic

Science: As scientists we will be learning about Living Things and Their Environments.

We will look at-

Dead or Alive

What is a habitat?

Rainforest and Desert habitats

Meadow habitats

Underground habitats

Life cycles

History: As historians, we will be learning about The Romans in Britain. We will look at-

The Growth of the Roman Empire

The Roman Army
3. Roman Invasion of Britain
Roman Towns

Changes that the Romans made to Britain

Art: As artists we will study the artist

Matisse to learn about colour, texture and shape.

Computing: This half term we will be studying *Creating Media-Digital Photography*.

Music: As musicians we will be learning about the orchestra

RE

This half term, we will be investigating the question -

Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

Physical Education

PE days continue on Wednesdays and Fridays and this term our focus will be Basketball.

Important Dates

- Monday 13th November-Open Centre Trip