

Wootton Primary School—Year Two Overview

Spring Term 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a fantastic festive period.



PE will continue to be on Wednesday morning with Mr Billington. **Please send your child's PE kit to school in a PE bag—** and please name both the PE kit and any school uniform items to avoid mix-ups! Thank you :)

Please continue to support your child by **hearing them read each day**. It makes such a big difference to their progress. We will be giving out lots of reading points and prizes for children reading lots at home—Keep up the amazing work :)

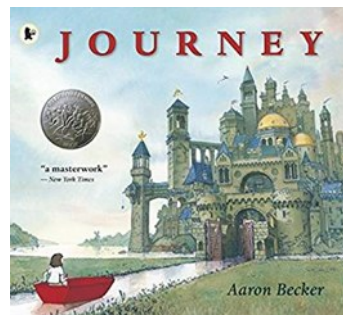
Reading diaries should be brought in to school every day please as we use them for our Guided Reading sessions. Reading books will continue to be changed every Wednesday and Friday.

Please do email, phone or catch us at drop off or pick up if you have any worries or questions.

Best wishes, Mrs Ball and Mrs Dew

English

This half-term we will be exploring a range of portal stories including *Journey* by Aaron Becker, *The Girl with the Yellow*



Bag by Maia Walczak and extracts from *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis. The children will learn how to use apostrophes for contraction, and for singular possession. They will also explore powerful vocabulary and begin to suggest synonyms which enhance or change the meaning. Everyone will continue to work on using a range of spelling and checking strategies to improve the accuracy of their work, and will continue to develop the use of a wider range of punctuation to demarcate sentences, including question and exclamation marks. We will further develop writing stamina to produce longer pieces across the term.



Maths

Number and Place Value

Year 2 will use their Place Value knowledge to partition 2-digit numbers into different combinations and tens and ones, and will also practise writing numbers as words.

Addition and Subtraction:

The main focus of the term will once again be on addition and subtraction, as the children begin to learn different strategies for adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers, including crossing tens.

Multiplication and Division:

The class will revisit the use of a range of materials and strategies including arrays, repeated addition and mental methods for multiplication and division. They will learn more facts from the 2, 10, and 5 x tables.

Fractions:

We will revise finding $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$ of a shape or number, including writing fractions.

Measurement

The children will measure length and height, and revise different units of time.

PSHE: Keeping safe

We will explore how to look after ourselves and others. This will include how to keep safe when using medicine, what to do if we feel unsafe, what to say if we feel uncomfortable or unsafe, and who we can talk to for help.

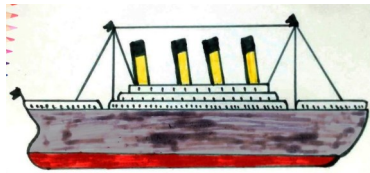


Science: Animals including humans

The children will find out about and describe the basic needs of animals for survival, describing the importance of exercise, diet and hygiene for humans and considering the basic needs of animals, plus additional needs for health and wellbeing. They will also investigate simple differences between living and non-living things, and notice that animals have offspring which grow into adults, showing understanding of the human life-cycle.

Art & DT: Drawing and Mechanisms

The children will: use different pencil grades in their drawing; create different tones using light and dark marks; begin to demonstrate ideas through photographs and in sketch books, and set out ideas using annotation in sketch books, keeping notes as to how work has changed. The class will also explore simple mechanisms to make a moving product.



History: The Titanic

During this half-term we will be exploring the sinking of the Titanic, including: using chronological language to explain how long ago the disaster occurred; sequencing a set of events in chronological order, giving reasons; explaining why our locality is associated with this event; and recounting some interesting facts from the launch and sinking. The children will also answer questions using a range of historical sources, and compare the accuracy and trustworthiness of different sources, beginning to explain why eye-witness accounts may vary, and compare pictures or photographs of the people and events involved in the tragedy.

Computing: Creating Pictures - 2paint

The class will explore different types of art and famous Artists, recreate and be inspired by famous Art and use simple IT mark-making tools to create and edit their own work.

Music: Rhythm and notation

The class will use Bamboo Tamboo to create rhythms and explore how to record these on paper.

RE: Holi (remembering)

We will explore the different ways in which Hindus remember Vishnu and why this is important to them.

PE: Games, personal care and sleep

The children will explore kicking skills; underarm and overarm throwing; sending and receiving a ball using a tennis racket and a range of striking and gathering skills. They will also apply this to a range of invasion games, thinking about moving with a ball; using space when passing & receiving; and attacking and defending during a game.

If you have any questions then please do contact us in person or through the class email address:

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Best wishes, from the Year 2 team:
Mrs Ball and Mrs Dew

