



Rufford Primary school and Nursery
Curriculum Newsletter
Year 2 Spring Term 2
At Rufford, we RISE

For every child, without exception, to be proud of who they are, to leave our school well-prepared for the next stage of their education and to have the knowledge and skills needed to thrive in our modern world..

Resilience

Integrity

Self-awareness

Excellence

English

A closer look. In this unit the children will explore poetry. They will enjoy listening and responding to poems in a range of different ways. They explore poetic language and identify adjectives and verbs in a poem. They will draft, edit and compose their own poems and read them aloud.

Does Chocolate Grow on Trees? In this unit the children explore the Big Question: Does chocolate grow on trees? They read the interactive eBook, finding information and exploring the layout of explanation texts. They answer the Big Question, planning and writing their own explanation texts based on a model.

Mathematics

In maths, we are following the Power Maths scheme of work.

In our first unit on Length and height. Children will be introduced to the vocabulary of taller, tallest, shorter, and shortest to understand and compare length and height. Students then move on to measuring different objects using non-standard units such as cubes, ice block sticks and paperclips.

In this our second unit, the children will look at Mass, Capacity & Temperature. Children will accurately measuring mass, capacity and temperature. It is the first time that children have been introduced to the standard units for these measures, which provides the foundation for using measures in day-to-day life and for subsequent learning in Key Stage 2.

Science

Plants

In this unit, children will learn what plants need to stay healthy. They will have the opportunity to carry out their own investigations into what plants need to grow well. Children will also closely observe the inside of a seed and learn about the life cycle of a plant. They will also learn how plants look when they don't get the things they need.

History

People and Places in their own Locality- The children will learn about the significant historic event that occurred in the Black Country and Birmingham. They will investigate the impact of World War II on the area and how things have changed over time. They will summarise, present and explain the history of Birmingham and the Black Country.

Geography

Yanomami – Study human and physical geography of a small area of United Kingdom, and of a contrasting non-European country – children will be learning about the. The children will learn about Rainforests, how the Yanomami people live. They will use this information to compare Yanomami and our local area.

Art

Craft and design: Map it out

Children will explore and create maps through various art forms, including drawing, felt making, printmaking, and designing stained glass. The lessons aim to develop skills in sorting, designing, and evaluating art, encouraging students to present and discuss their creations in a class gallery setting.

PSHE

Healthy Me– Using, games, discussions and group activities children will explore themes including. Being healthy and staying healthy, medicine healthy, healthy eating and happy & healthy me.

PE

Dance – The children will continue to build on their growing knowledge of dance. They will develop their skills and explore how they can link a variety of movement to create simple dance routine with a partner or small group.

Computing

Children will explore the capabilities of a spreadsheet in adding up coins to match the prices of objects. Learn how to add and edit data in a table layout and to use the data to manually create a block graph.

DT

Mechanisms: Making a moving monster. Children will learn the correct terms for levers, linkages and pivots. Analyse popular toys with the correct terminology, evaluate their two designs against the design criteria, design monsters suitable for children and assemble materials to create their planned monster features.

RE

Christianity
Using discussions, group activities and research children will explore the theme: Salvation.
Children will ask the question. How important is it to Christians that Jesus came back to life after his crucifixion?

Phonics

Bridge to spelling -
Children will continue to learn the foundational skills of spelling. They will build on their phonics knowledge while covering all year 2 required spellings including tricky words.

Music

Children will learn to use their voice to create a variety of sounds. Use dynamics to create atmosphere. Correctly identify some instruments and changes in dynamics in a piece. Explain how the same instrument can have many different sounds.