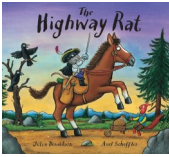


In English we will be reading and enjoying the text 'The Highway Rat' by Julia Donaldson and Alex Scheffler. We will be focusing on poetry first, reading a selection of poems and creating our own before moving on to look at The Highway Rat in detail. We will spend time delving into the language and structure of the story and then using this to help write our own version. We will also be finding out all about rats and using our information to write a report.



In RE we will be studying Christian beliefs about God as creator and sustainer. We will focus on the question 'Does how we treat the world matter?' We will use this question to consider how Christian beliefs might influence their attitudes towards our planet.

In maths we will be looking at multiplication and division. Beginning with equal groups and creating arrays, we will then move on to consider the use of the multiplication and division symbols. We will do lots of counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and we will link this to our 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Please help by encouraging your child to practise these at home, making sure they are fluent in these times tables by the end of Year 2. Thanks.

Our PE days are: Tuesdays and Fridays. PE kits must be worn to school on these days.

Our sports this half of term will be: Gymnastics and general fitness.

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Uniform Reminders:

Shoulder length hair must be tied back.
No jewellery including earrings.
No nail varnish.
No shaved or patterned hairstyles or hair gel.
Sensible hair accessories – no big bows.
Wear your own clothes on your birthday!

In history we will continue learning about Florence Nightingale and why she is a significant person from our past.

In science we will continue to explore materials around us in the classroom.

In Art we will explore how painters use paint in expressive and gestural ways. We will look at colour mixing and experimental mark making and use these to create abstract still lifes.

Homework:

This is set every **Thursday** to be completed by the following **Wednesday**. Please look for the half-termly overview in your child's reading diary.
All necessary logins will also be in your child's reading diary.

Reading:

We expect the children to read at home as often as possible and have their reading diary signed by an adult. This could be them reading to you, you sharing a story with them where you both read parts of it, or your child having a story read to them by you or another member of the family.

Reading books will continue to be **changed on Mondays and Thursdays**. Remember, these books can be read more than once - the more practice the better!

Library books will be changed on a **Wednesday**.