This half term the Year 2 topic will be...

In Science we will continue to carry out investigations to explore the properties of different materials. Fair testing will be an important part of this. We will identify and compare different materials, talking about their properties and how this makes them suitable (or not!) for different jobs. We will also learn about the importance of recycling to the environment.

In English we will spend the first 3 weeks continuing to work from our class text ‘The Lonely Beast’ before moving on to our new text ‘10 Things I Can Do to Help Save My World by Melanie Walsh. We will be writing information texts and designing posters. We will practise using different sorts of punctuation and look at different types of sentences. We will continue practising cursive letter formation, learn new spellings and continue to use our phonics every day. We will take part in guided reading sessions every week and our focus will be features of non-fiction texts.

**Why do we need to reduce, re-use and recycle?**



In Maths we will continue to practise reading, writing and counting amounts to 100. We will look at tens and ones within two digit numbers and learn to partition these numbers in different ways using the part part whole model. We will look at number bonds to 10 and 20 and continue to practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. Every session will start with a problem solving, reasoning or fluency activity where the children will be encouraged to explain their thinking.

We will also be learning about 2D and 3D shapes.

In Art we will be using a range of materials to make products linked to Firework Night, Autumn and 3D shape. We complete our learning on colouring mixing.

In Design Technology we will be making items from recycled materials and using simple nets to make 3D shapes and models.

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In ICT we will continue to practise the skills of logging on and Keyboard skills.

In Music we will sing songs in our class and if the weather permits, we will start to learn to play the recorder (this will be in the outside classroom to comply with current Covid regulations).

In PE we will be continuing our multi-skills module with the emphasis being on throwing and catching.

We will also be taking part in football coaching sessions with Trevor Senior.

In Geography we will completing our mapwork by looking at the UK and World maps. We will also look at seasonal weather patterns linked to the move from Autumn into Winter.

In History we will be learning about The Gunpowder Plot and looking at the importance of Remembrance Day.

In RE we will be looking at the Christmas Story.

In PSHE we will continue our introduction to our ‘Heartsmart’ scheme. Boris the Robot will help us learn how to take ownership of the decisions we make and make heartsmart choices – for us and others.