



Home Learning



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Year 2

Why is our world wonderful?

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Unlocking the Learning

As part of our home learning, we would like the children to take part in one or more of our creative homework projects that link to this half term's learning. Our topic for this half term is 'Why is our world wonderful?' a Geography based topic focusing on learning about oceans and Wonders of the World. We also have a science focus where we learn about the importance of food, exercise and hygiene for humans and then we will move onto plants and what they need to grow.

We look forward to seeing the results and would like the children to bring in, or email, their completed projects to us by Friday 7th February, so that they can share and celebrate each other's talents before the end of term. We would ask that this project reflects six weeks' worth of work, and demonstrates the children's own work, although we really appreciate your support in helping them complete their homework.

Please remember that if your child is unsure of their home learning then we can help with resources to complete their home learning, or discuss ideas with them. Please just email us for support. We believe it is very important that every child has the opportunity to engage with learning at home and will support however we can with this.

Get Writing	Get Researching	Get Creative
<p><u>Become an author</u> Write a tour guide or leaflet for a famous feature or landmark in the UK or the world!</p>	<p><u>Research.</u> Use Google to find the world's highest mountain, longest river, deepest ocean, tallest building or oldest city!</p>	<p><u>Collage</u> Make a paper mache globe and show all the continents and oceans on it? Can you identify and amazing human or physical features?</p>
<p><u>Library Hunt</u> Find books (including atlases) which tell you about the wonders of the worlds, mountains, rivers, buildings in different countries. Use the contents page and index to find information.</p>	<p><u>Research</u> <u>Mathematical challenge</u> Can you find out the distance from Catshill First School to a different country's capital city? Use Google Maps with an adult.</p>	<p><u>Artists</u> Can you paint, collage or sketch a 'Wonder of the World'? You could create a map of the world using different colours for each continent.</p>
<p><u>Get imaginative</u> Write a story set in one of the wonders of the world. A gladiator fight in the Colosseum, Italy. A trek to discover Machu Picchu, Peru or an adventure along The Great Wall of China or explore the Taj Mahal in India! Who do you meet? What might you discover?</p>	<p><u>Outdoor walk</u> Go for a walk and take photos or create a tally chart of which living things you found. Create a pictogram on Jit5. Make a cosy habitat in the garden suitable for different insects.</p>	<p><u>Presentation</u> Create a slideshow about the wonders of the world. Pretend you are a TV presenter and film a short video sharing facts and images. Email these over to your teacher (see email addresses above).</p>

In Geography we will identify the four countries in the UK and locate some of the UK's amazing physical and human features. We will then widen our search to around the world and locate the oceans on a map. We will also develop the skills to draw features on a sketch map of our local areas. We will take part in a fieldwork lesson investigating local habitats and recording findings.

Using our computing skills we will be creating and interpreting pictograms. We will be using a programme called Jit2. This will link to collecting data in Geography.

As musicians we will be using our Charanga curriculum to keep a beat whilst using a range of musical instruments. We will also explore a range of music over time.

In Art we are exploring a range of artists and looking at sculptures. We will be working with clay and a range of tools to create our own pieces.

As writers we will be writing entertain, guide and inform. We will continue to focus on punctuating our sentences accurately with capital letters and full stops. Use conjunctions to extend ideas as well as identify verbs, adjectives and nouns within them. Trying to write more at length and with a clear sequence of ideas/ events.

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Important information:

2F - PE on Tuesday and Wednesday
2FJ - Forest Fun on Tuesday and PE on Wednesday

Remember to bring your kit to change into.

In Science we will be learning the importance of exercise, food and hygiene for humans. We will then begin exploring plants and what they need to grow and planning our 'light and dark' investigation. We will also be considering how harmful plastic can be to our environment and thinking of sustainable ways that we can reduce our plastic waste in school.

As mathematicians we will be working on securing their number skills with a focus on money and multiplication and division. We will learn our x2, x5 and x10 times tables and then move onto x3 tables. We will be continuing with TT Rockstars and encouraging them to practice regularly at home.

In PE we are doing dance. We will explore different body shapes and movements both high and low to a range of music.

In RE we will discuss why does Easter matter to Christians? We will explore how incarnation and salvation are part of a 'big story' of the Bible.

In Jigsaw (PSHE) the children explore setting realistic goals and how they can achieve them. They discuss perseverance when they find things difficult as well as recognising their strengths as a learner. The children consider group work and reflect on with whom they work well and with whom they don't. They also reflect on sharing success with other people.