

Headlands Primary School- Termly Curriculum Newsletter

Year 2, Term 2



Our prime learning challenge this term is 'How far does your food travel?'. **As Geographers**, we will be learning about where our food comes from and how it reaches our plate. We will study the seven continents and five oceans and apply this knowledge throughout our learning when identifying foods that are sourced locally and outside of the UK. This topic will also inspire the children in **Design and Technology**, as we will be designing, creating and evaluating our own vegetable soup. In this subject we will also be learning to identify different fruits and vegetables, where they are grown and be able to group them according to taste and appearance. **As Writers**, we will be learning how to write a story based on the book 'Pumpkin Soup' by Helen Cooper. We will also learn how to write a set of instructions to make a vegetable soup. **As Readers**, we will be closely analysing a few different texts to improve our comprehension skills, knowledge of vocabulary and learning how to answer inference questions.

As Mathematicians, we will be learning to add and subtract within 100. We will develop our methods of solving addition and subtraction problems, moving on to using two lots of 2-digit numbers within a calculation. **In Religious Education**, we will be learning about the Christmas story through the lens of messages that are delivered and received and what impact this has on those who have a Christian faith. **As Scientists**, we will be deepening our learning about materials from Term 1 by exploring the suitability of materials for everyday use. We will carry out investigations to test the suitability of different materials for a specific purpose and will justify their choice. We will also learn about Charles Macintosh who invented waterproof materials. **In Computing**, we will be developing our coding skills, which will have links to our Theme for this term. We will also continue to learn **how to be safe online**, exploring our own self-image and identity, online bullying, and our own wellbeing. **In PSHE**, we will be learning about the difference between ourselves and others and how to celebrate this. **In PE**, we will be practicing our skills to be able to jump, land and hold a static balance. **As Musicians**, the children will continue to practice playing the ocarina, learn how to read notations and practice singing seasonal songs.

Here is the link to the knowledge organisers on our school website <http://www.headlandsprimary.co.uk/parents/curriculum.php>. These will support conversations that you may have at home about what we will be teaching and the vocabulary that we will be using.



Our DARE endeavour this term will be to explore friendship (and say 'NO' to bullying). We will also be remembering those who have sacrificed their lives so that we can live our lives freely and in peace. To make a difference to our community, we will be inviting the residents of Sheraton Close to watch our Nativity performance.



Things to remember:

PE days are on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** for both classes. On these days the children must come to school in their PE kit.

Our '**Library day**' is every **Wednesday**. On this day, children need to bring back their library book. We will also look at Boom Reader as a class every **Monday** so that we can celebrate all the activity and reading logs from Year 2 across the week.

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Deck the Halls: Friday 1st December (afternoon)

The **KS1 Nativity** will take place on **Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December at 2pm**.

End of term is Wednesday 20th December. School will reopen on Thursday 4th January 2024.



Our class reader this term is 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl. This is one of our favourite books! It is about Mr Fox trying to outwit three farmers called Boggis, Bunce and Bean to feed his family. The farmers are really nasty but Mr Fox is very clever and brave.

Our Virtue this term is **COMPASSION**. Please use the following points to inspire a conversation about Compassion at home.

What does it mean to be compassionate?

How did Mahatma Gandhi show compassion?

What makes you a compassionate person?

When is it difficult to be compassionate?

When have others shown compassion to you?