

# Headlands Primary School- Termly Curriculum Newsletter

Year 2, Term 4 **Beyond Our Town**



Our prime learning challenge this term is 'How can we use maps to locate human and physical features?'. **As Geographers**, we will learn how to identify and name the four basic points on a compass: North, South, East and West. They will learn how to describe the location of features on a map, looking closely at their features, which includes symbols and keys. Ariel photographs will also be used to identify human and physical features, alongside landmarks, in Northampton and Inner London. This links with the story we will be focusing on during our writing lessons. **As Writers**, we will be developing our story writing skills using the book 'Katie in London' by James Mayhew. Katie goes on an amazing and magical tour of London with her brother Jack. They have the most unusual guide but get to see many exciting sights!

In other parts of the curriculum, **as Readers**, we will continue to develop our fluency skills through echo reading, partner reading and performance reading. We will also improve our comprehension skills by learning new vocabulary and using the text to answer questions. **As Mathematicians**, we will continue to explore multiplication and division. Year 2 will also be learning about length and height, using practical activities to deepen knowledge.

In **Religious Education**, we will be exploring the key question 'Why is Easter important for Christians?'. Children will learn about the Easter story as told in the Christian Bible. They will also find out that Easter is the most important festival for Christians all over the world. **As Scientists**, we will be exploring the key question: 'Who would live in a habitat like this?'. In this unit the children will be able to identify if objects are living, non-living or have never lived. They will compare an ocean and a rainforest habitat and identify which animals are most suited to those habitats.

In **Computing**, we will be developing our programming skills using ScratchJr. In **PSHE**, we will be learning about healthy eating and keeping healthy as well as learning about medicine safety. In **PE**, we will be practicing our coordination and static balances, whilst completing OAA activities in our sports-specific lessons. **As Musicians**, the children will continue to practice playing the ocarina, learn how to read notations and learning some famous pieces of music linked to our Science topic.

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. We look forward to an exciting term!

## 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.

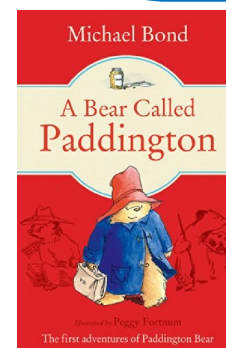
Our 'Library day' is every **Wednesday**. On this day, children need to bring back their library book. We will also be celebrating what we have logged on Boom Reader every **Monday** and find out who our top three readers are! Remember, 4 or more reads per week earns a Golden Ticket!

Miss Howkins' (Class 6 and KS1 Phase Lead) email address: **katie.howkins@headlands.org.uk**.

Miss Wright's (Class 5) email address: **stacey.wright@headlands.org.uk** (We will endeavour to respond to your emails between 9-4.30 in the week, during term time)

**World Book Day—Thursday 7th March. Please see emails from the School Office for details on how we are celebrating this.**

End of term is Thursday 28th March 2024. School will reopen on Monday 15th April 2024.



Our Class Reader this term is 'A Bear Called Paddington' by Michael Bond. The novel describes how Paddington Bear from "Darkest Peru" comes to live with the Brown family of 32 Windsor Gardens, London, how he makes a friend in the form of the antiques dealer Mr. Gruber and how he makes an enemy in the form of the Browns' neighbour Mr. Curry.



Our DARE Endeavour this term will be to celebrate World Book Day and all things reading on Thursday 7th March! We will think about those people who inspire us, as well as share our favourite stories and authors. We are looking forward to dressing up as our inspirational people!



Our Virtue this term is CURIOSITY. Please use the following points to inspire a conversation about curiosity at home.

**Why should we be curious?**

**Does reading make you curious?**

**What are you curious about?**