



The Bellbird Primary School

'Soaring to Success'

Year 2 Autumn Term

**PE:**

Indoor PE for both classes will take place on a Tuesday afternoon. Outdoor PE will take place on a Thursday afternoon.

Please ensure your child comes into school wearing suitable PE kit and footwear.

**Art and DT:**

Art will usually be linked to topic work. Children will learn how to mix primary colours to make secondary colours and they will be creating shades of colour using a range of art media.

Children will be developing their observational drawing skills by drawing tropical fruits.

In DT, children will be learning about the importance of hygiene and will be evaluating designs.

**RE:**

Children will be learning about Christianity. They will be listening to and telling stories from the Bible and they will be introduced to the concept of 'Gospel' or good news. They will also be exploring why Christmas is important to Christians.

**PSHE:**

Our PSHE work focuses on rights, rules and responsibilities. The children will learn about their responsibilities inside and outside of school and how this might change as they grow up. They will also be learning about their emotions.

**Topic:**

Our topic this term takes us to the Caribbean! We will be locating and naming continents and oceans before we explore and compare the island of Jamaica with the UK. The children will research information about Jamaica using maps, books and the internet.

**Music:**

We will explore South African music and instruments and learn some Caribbean songs. In Autumn 2, the children will have a visitor from World Music who will show the children how to play Caribbean instruments.

**Mathematics:**

Our maths work this term will focus on place value, counting, comparing and representing numbers to 100, and reading and writing numbers in numerals and words. The children will be counting forwards and backwards in 1s, 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s.

We will then move onto addition and subtraction of two-digit numbers.

All year 2 children will have a Mathletics account to access in school and at home. Mathletics is an online learning platform that allows parents to see the methods we use to teach calculation skills and provides the children with opportunities to practise skills at home. We will set weekly Mathletics tasks for children to do at home.



**Science:**

Our first unit is 'Animals Including Humans' and this links well with our Caribbean topic.

We will learn how animals, including humans, have offspring that grow into adults. We will find out about and describe the basic needs of animals.

We will learn about the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.

We will also be learning about some key scientists.

**Topic**

**Over the Sea and Far Away**



**Goldfinches:**

Mrs Hines

Mrs Lambell

Miss Bush



**Skylarks:**

Mrs Lovewell

Mrs Foster

Mrs Kent

Mrs Irwin



**English:**

Our English work for the first two weeks will link to our PSHE work and will be on the theme of fables. Later on in the term, we will be writing our own Anansi stories

**Reading**

The children will be encouraged to change their home reading books once a week. Their reading record books will be checked during guided reading sessions.

**Phonics, Spelling and Handwriting**

The children follow the Letters and Sounds phonic programme and our focus this term will be revising Phase 5. Spellings will link to the phonic phase your child is accessing this term. Spellings will be given out on a Friday and the test will take place on the following Friday. The weekly spelling lists will be coming home in the Letter-join font and there will be up to three spotlight words each week along with the spellings.