



Year 2 Learning Overview

Summer 1 2024

Our topic is: Journeys

In Year 2, we are learning to be creative writers! We will be reading books by Aaron Becker and Florence Parry Heide, using the illustrations, ideas and descriptions to inspire our own creative writing. We will be thinking about travelling to different places and how we could get there. We will also be creating and designing our own way of travelling. We will sketch our designs, experiment with colour mixing using the primary colours, and exploring the properties of clay to create our own tile/ model transport design.

Indoor/Outdoor P.E.

Our unit focus for indoor P.E is physical skills. The children will develop their coordination and agility skills.

Music

Musical activities and exploration that work towards performing a song following the 'Charanga' school music scheme.

Computing

In this unit, the children will learn to use a computer to create music. They will listen to a variety of music and explore how it makes them feel.

By the end of our topic:

Your child will know:

Art

- About artists that work in 3D sculpture such as Edgar Degas and Barbara Hepworth,
- About different clay techniques
- How to use their drawings to share their own ideas, experiences and imagination
- Learning about the primary colours (red, yellow and blue) and secondary colours (purple, orange and green)
- How to mix primary and secondary colours.

Geography

- The world's seven continents and five oceans
- Some of the physical and human geographical differences between the UK and Egypt

Your child will be able to:

Art

- Talk about and describe the sculpture art of focus artists.
- To use different sketching pencils and create effects with line and shading
- Use their inspiration from the story 'Journey' to plan and design a way to travel
- Explore the properties of clay by squeezing, rolling, pinching, pulling and carving it
- Design and create a clay tile/model of their transport design
- Apply their colour mixing skills to paint their clay model/tile

Geography

- To use human and physical geographical vocabulary to describe similarities and differences between Egypt and the United Kingdom
- To make comparisons between everyday life in Cairo and London

We will be reading:

Key text focus: 'Journey' and 'The day of Ahmed's Secret.'

Supporting text: Mini Grey's 'Space Dog' and 'Toys in Space'

Our memory maker event is:

Crossing Continents and Oceans workshop on the 21st May. The children will accompany the Earth Explorer on a global expedition traversing the five oceans and continents.

You can help your child further by:

- Talking about/sharing photos of trips and journeys you have been on
- Spotting different forms of transport when you are out and about.
- Planning a trip or journey that you can take during a school holiday/weekend
- Visiting a gallery in person or online and looking at the 3D art