

# What's happening in Year Two?



During this half term we will be exploring the theme  
**'What Makes a Habitat?'**



## English

In English, we will begin by reading 'There's a Rang-tan in My Room', a story that highlights the plight of endangered animals, especially orangutans. The children will use this as inspiration to write persuasive letters to companies, encouraging them to help protect these animals and their rainforests. We will then read 'The Journey Home' and explore different types of poetry, before creating our own poems using a range of poetic devices.



## Art and Design

In Art, the children will explore the work of Henri Rousseau and use his style as inspiration to design and create their own African-themed artwork. They will experiment with colour mixing using paints to bring their creations to life.

## Maths

In Maths, we will focus on addition and subtraction of 2-digit numbers. The children will build confidence using number bonds, place value and different strategies to solve problems efficiently, explaining their reasoning and making links between methods.

## What makes a habitat?



Remember, **talk** is a great tool for learning so please encourage your child to talk about what they have done each day.

## Geography

During Geography lessons, we will embark on an exciting journey around the world! The children will learn to name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans. They will also explore the four countries of the United Kingdom, identifying their capital cities and surrounding seas.

## Reading

In Reading, some children will continue to bring home a Little Wandle book, while others will bring home an Accelerated Reader book, both carefully matched to their reading level. We encourage you to support your child by listening to them read daily, asking questions about the text, and signing their reading log. In our whole class reading sessions, we will be exploring Red Alert: Endangered Species, a fascinating non-fiction text about amazing animals and creatures around the world.

## Phonics & Spelling

In Phonics, the children will continue to develop their reading and spelling skills through our Little Wandle programme. They will be learning important spelling rules and exploring alternative digraphs. Some children will also take part in additional sessions to give them extra support and confidence in their phonics learning.



## Science

In Science, the children will be learning about different habitats around the world and the animals that live in them. We will explore the rainforest, Arctic, Antarctic, and ocean, as well as discover how and why our environment is constantly changing. To finish the topic, the children will create their very own shoebox habitat.



### Important Dates:

P.E & Forest School:  
Wednesdays

Nativity  
16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> December