

Could rhinos ever live in the Arctic?



English Year 2 will be looking at a selection of traditional tales during this term. They will be exploring each text, looking at similar stories and comparing them, as well as developing new literacy skills to make their writing more exciting. For example, using a range of different sentence types in their writing.

Maths During the Autumn term, children will be refreshing and building on their place value and calculation knowledge and learning more efficient strategies to support them working with larger numbers.



Geography Year 2 will be learning about The Arctic, The Antarctic and Africa. They will develop the skill of **investigating places and patterns** by identifying the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South poles. They will also use world maps, atlases and globes to name and locate the world's continents and oceans. Year 2 will describe and compare the physical and human features in these localities. Through doing this they will develop the skill of being able to **communicate geographically** by using basic geographical vocabulary such as ocean, weather and climate.

Science Year 2 will be working on developing their **understanding of animals and humans** by identifying the different classes of animals (e.g. mammals) and classifying, describing and comparing these. Year 2 will also **investigate living things**, looking at the idea of a simple food chain and giving reasons as to why an animal is suited to its environment.

Art Year 2 will be working on **mastering techniques** during this topic. They will develop their pencil control and sketching skills when sketching their own Arctic, Antarctic and African animals, by drawing lines of different sizes and thicknesses. They will add pattern and texture to an African style painting by adding dots and lines. They will also be working in groups to create a model animal made out of clay. Year 2 will also be exploring colour and creating their own colour wheels.



Computing Year 2 will develop their ability to **communicate** and use a range of applications in order to share their ideas and work. They will also be developing their understanding of how technology can **connect** them to the wider world and they will continue to develop their understanding of online risks and the age rules for sites.

RE Year 2 will be developing their **understanding of beliefs and teachings** by learning about some of the main celebrations of a religion (Harvest, Diwali and Advent). They will develop an **understanding of how beliefs are conveyed** by studying the use of candlelight as a symbol.

History Year 2 will begin to **build an overview of world history** by studying significant individuals from the past (Scott of the Antarctic and Ernest Shackleton). They will develop their **understanding of chronology** by placing events in order on a timeline and using dates where appropriate. They will use a variety of sources to **investigate and interpret the past** and some of the ways that the past has been represented.

Gymnastics Year 2 will be **developing their practical skills** during this topic. They will be moving with an increased level of control and co-ordination and be able to link two or more actions to perform a sequence. They will also be developing their understanding of how to climb safely onto equipment and jump in a variety of ways with a safe landing. Children will also develop an understanding of the importance for humans of exercise.

Year 2
2020/21
Autumn 1 & 2
Wallisdean Infant School

Term Dates

Autumn 1: Monday 7th September – Friday 23rd October

HALF TERM: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

Autumn 2: Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS: Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January 2021