

Year 2: Spring Two

This half term we focusing on the history topic 'Saving Planet Earth.' The children will also be given the opportunity to immerse themselves in their learning by taking part in a whole school focus of the wild tribe books. In Year 2 we will be particularly focusing on Duffy's Lucky Escape.

As **writers**, the children will be focusing on the book 'Duffy's Lucky Escape'. The children will explore, plan and write: a description, instructions, poetry, persuasive posters and retell the story. The children will focus on adding suffixes to words by recapping their knowledge of suffixes from Year 1 (ing, ed, er, est) and developing this to include adding the suffixes -ment -ness -ful -less.

As **mathematicians**, the children will be looking at telling the time to 15 minute intervals and every 5 minutes. The children will then begin to look at fractions including recognise and finding $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ (understanding that $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{2}{4}$ are equivalent), $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{2}{3}$. We will then explore measurement including length/height, mass/capacity, volume, temp.

As **scientists** the children will be investigating forces by understanding different movements. The children will be looking at how to describe how things move using simple comparisons. We will then move onto exploring living things and their habitats. Where the children will understand the difference between living, dead and things that have never been alive. The children will be able to identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other. They will then use this information to be able to describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food.

As **artists and historians** the children will be investigate the local artist Charles Mozley and create their own book covers. As **Design and Technologists** the children will explore and use the mechanism wheels and axels by exploring, designing and creating their own car to help transport Duffy the Turtle to safety. As **geographers** the children will explore the sustainability of using plastic and the pollution is causes in our waters. The children will be able to identify the five oceans and then track Whiston Brook to The Humber. The children will discuss ways in which we can help conserve our planet. In **computing** the children will be exploring algorithms and look deeper into coding and debugging.

Plastic Pollution



Useful Information

Please read at least 3 times.

PE days are on **Mondays**

And **Tuesdays and children are expected to have a P.E kit in school**. Some PE sessions will be outside where possible this half term.

Home learning will be handed out on a **Friday** and is expected back **Wednesday**.

Our D&T parent and child workshop is on **Friday 28th February** Please bring a plastic bottle with you to this workshop