





Street Detectives

Dear Parents/Carers.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Year 2 at Kibworth Primary School. We hope that you have all enjoyed a restful summer and are ready and raring for the new term ahead.

During this first half term, the children will be encouraged to become expert 'Street Detectives'. They will be using simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the local area and explore the history of Kibworth before making comparisons to how and why our village has changed over time.

Over the half term, the children will be learning through a range of curriculum areas:

Writing

Over this first half term, the children will be consolidating key skills such as: use of capital letters for the start of every sentence and for proper nouns (names/places/week days etc), full stops and use of finger spaces.

The children will also be practicing the correct cursive letter formation and sizing of letters to develop the consistency and legibility of their handwriting.

Our core text for this topic will be 'Katie Morag Delivers The Mail' by Mairi Hedderwick. We will read and enjoy the book as a class, before using it as a stimulus to write our very own narratives set in Kibworth.

We will also develop our sentence writing by creating leaflets to provide lots of facts about Kibworth that we have learnt throughout the half term.

Reading

The children will use "Katie Morag Delivers The Mail' by Mairi Hedderwick, to develop their understanding of narratives by asking and answering questions about the story. They will also build on their prediction skills by deciding what might happen next in the story.

During guided reading sessions, the children will continue to develop their decoding and sight reading skills. We will really be encouraging the children to read fluently by recognising as many high frequency words as they can and using their segmenting and blending skills to decode unfamiliar words.

We will focus on re-reading texts where necessary, so the children gain a secure understanding of what they have read and are able to retrieve simple answers.

Maths

Number and Place Value

As a progression, to further their learning in Year 1, the children will be identifying, representing, and partitioning 2-digit numbers into 10s and 1s. They will be using concrete objects and pictorial representations including a number line to support their understanding. The children will then apply these skills to problem solving and develop their mathematical reasoning (explaining their thinking).

They will be learning to count forwards and backwards in ones, twos, fives and tens from any given number to begin to develop their knowledge of number patterns.

Geography	Physical and Human features	They will be looking at a variety of environments around Kibworth and the school grounds to identify human and physical features. The children will be recording their observations from walks and from a birds-eye views and devising their own maps; learning how to create a key.
History	Changes over time in the local environment	The children will learn about how Kibworth used to be and compare this to how it is now. They will interview a member of the 'Kibworth Historical Society' over the internet to gain a wealth of knowledge about the history of the village.
RE	Creation	The children will explore stories from the Bible that teach people about who made the world. They will discuss ideas of the 'Big Story' and look at examples of what Christians do to look after the world.
PE	Mastering Team Games	In these sessions the children will master ball skills such as: throwing, kicking, bouncing and catching. They will use their skills individually, with a partner and in a team setting.
Computing	E-Safety Coding	The children will learn about e-safety in preparation for accessing the internet later in the year. The children will also look at coding and programming using iPads and begin to understand and construct simple algorithms, using the program 'code.org'.

We are looking forward to working with you and your child this year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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The Year 2 Team