

Courtney Primary – Topic Sheet- *What a Wonderful World!*

Term 4 - Year 2 - Miss Brown

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What is this topic sheet for?

This sheet shows you the topics your child is covering this term and gives you ideas and ways you can help your child at home. The library is always a good starting point and the internet has many great sites. If you visit www.courtneyprimaryschool.co.uk and click on the 'Links' section, you will find useful websites listed there.

English



In English we are reading Aesop's Fables, particularly those involving animals. We are analysing the features and identifying the moral. BBC Schools Radio has some lovely recordings of household names reading fables.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/schoolradio/subjects/english/aesops_fables

We will also be writing our own fables.

We are continuing to work towards our targets of using capital letters and full stops correctly, using conjunctions such as because, but, so and if to join sentences and using adjectives to make our writing more interesting. We are learning how to use a thesaurus to make our writing more interesting.

In Guided Reading we are learning how to scan for key words and information, how to identify sequences of events and discuss interesting words and phrases.

Maths



In Maths we will be developing our understanding of statistics. We will be analysing and interpreting tally charts, pictograms and bar charts.

We will be working on our ability to recognise, find, name and write fractions $1/3$, $1/4$, $2/4$ and $3/4$ of a length, shape, set of objects or quantity. We will calculate simple fractions for example, $1/2$ of 6 = 3 and recognise the equivalence of $2/4$ and $1/2$. We will link our work on fractions to division.

In preparation for the SATs tests in the month of May, we will return to our work on addition and subtraction to further develop our understanding and use it to solve word problems.

We will continue to count in 2s, 5s and 10s as well as learning our 10, 5, 2 times multiplication tables.

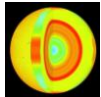
Geography



In Geography we will be comparing Chembakolli in India to Kingswood.

We will be identifying the physical and human features of the two localities and discussing the similarities and differences.

Science



In Science we will be beginning to learn about habitats. We will be thinking about how a habitat supports the needs of a living thing.

We will be comparing the differences between things that are living and those that are dead.

This term we also have our Science Week, masterminded by our very own science boffin, Mrs Parker! More details to follow.

PSHE



This term our topics are respect and money!

Our Circle Time activities will be linked to this also.

During Science Week we will also be teaching the children about Relationships and Sex Education. A letter will be coming home to advise you on the content for Year 2.

RE



In RE we will be learning about Hinduism.

In particular we will be finding out about how festivals such as Diwali are celebrated.

We will be comparing this to Christian festivals.

DT



In DT we will be making a curry.

We will be testing shop bought vegetable curries and considering their look, smell, taste and texture.

We will then be designing and making our own curry.

Art



In Art we will be making Indian Diwa's, a clay lamp used for the festival of Diwali.

We will be investigating different techniques for making patterns on the pots.

ICT



In ICT the children will be creating charts, pictograms and bar charts using specialised software.

We will also be learning about branching databases. The children will sort different items according to their properties

PE



On Thursdays the children will have a PE session with Mr Smith our sports coach developing their kicking and bouncing skills.

They will have a PE session with me on a Tuesday. This term we are continuing to work on our hockey skills.

Please ensure that your child can remove their own earrings and has a hair bobble or clips to tie their hair back from their face.

We will be outside so please ensure your child has tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt. If possible trainers would be a good idea too.

Dear Parents,

I hope you had an enjoyable half term with your child and enjoyed making a habitat in a box! I was delighted with each and every one of them. Thank you very much for your support.

As a school we are now turning our thoughts to the SATs tests in May and anything you can do to help secure the children's understanding and boost their confidence with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division would be greatly appreciated as well as supporting your children with the following:

- **reading every day** and remembering to bring their reading book and reading diary to school every day.
- learning their 10, 5, 2 and 3 x **multiplication tables**.
- learning how to **tell the time** to the nearest 5 minutes.
- doing their **homework** and hand it in on time! Homework will be given every Friday to be completed by the following Thursday at the very latest.

If you would like any worksheets to support the above then let me know.

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/> is an excellent website with lots of educational games and <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/> is a fun way for children to improve their typing.

We still need support with listening to the children read in school. It would help the children enormously if there are any parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles etc. who are able to lend a hand with listening to individual children read. If you could spare even 30 minutes at the start or end of the school day, or any other time, then please do get in touch.

Best wishes,

Miss Brown