



Barn Croft Primary School
Spring 1 2023-2024
Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Children are expected to read at home daily.
Practice on Times Tables Rockstars three times weekly.

Open Homework
Children can complete a piece of writing, research, art, project, comic etc. about any area of their learning this half term and bring it to school to share with their peers.
(optional project)

Maths
Addition and Subtraction

- Explaining patterns when adding and subtracting
- Continue to use number facts to add and subtract
- Using knowledge of adding and subtracting to begin to solve problems.

Multiplication

- Using objects to group
- Understanding how repeated addition works
- Representing equal groups as multiplication

This Term's Whole Class Text: The Akimbo Adventures

This is a story about a boy named Akimbo who lives in Africa. He supports his father to ensure the animals are protected on an African game reserve. Akimbo experiences lots of different adventures like saving elephants, rescuing a trapped lion and encounters an adventure when he is faced with trying to rescue a cub.

English

Fiction

-To retell as story

Non Fiction

- To write a newspaper
-To write a recount

-To use grammatical features including; adjectives, verbs, contractions, conjunctions, commands, expanded noun phrases and adverbs in my writing.

Reading

The skills that we are focusing on this term are predicting, inferring and retrieving.

We will also be:

- Identifying characters and settings
- Sequencing key events
- Saying whether a statement is true or false
- Explaining the meaning of key and new words

Science
Materials

Recognising that materials are suitable for specific purposes and understanding their properties, exploring how actions such as stretching and bending affect the shape of solid objects and comparing the suitability of materials by carrying out tests and recording data.

Religious Education
Christianity

To understand that Jesus was a good teacher to everyone.
To explore stories that demonstrates Christian values.
To find out about what the Bible is, what is inside it and why it is special to Christians.

PSHE/RHE

Our topic this half term is called '**Practice Makes Perfect**'.

Our learning outcomes are:

- To be able to name ways you can improve in an activity or sport
 - To understand the importance of trying hard and not giving up
 - To be able to see the benefits of practising an activity or sport
 - To be able to learn ways to set goals and work to reach them
- Our No Outsider's book is - **The Odd Egg** by Emily Gravett -
L.I. To understand what makes someone feel proud

Computing
Spreadsheets

Our aims this term in computing are:

- To review the work done in 2Calculate in year 1.
- To revise spreadsheet related vocabulary.
- To use some 2Calculate tools that were introduced in year 1.
- To use copying, cutting and pasting shortcuts in 2Calculate.
- To use 2Calculate totalling tools.
- To use 2Calculate to solve a simple puzzle
- To explore the capabilities of a spreadsheet in adding up coins to match the prices of objects
- To add and edit data in a table layout.
- To use the data to manually create a block graph.

Humanities: History

The Great Fire of London

In our history lessons this term we will be exploring:

- How can we safely build a fire?
- What were the problems with London in 1666?
- What happened and how do we know?
- What did eyewitnesses say about the Great Fire?
- What are causes and consequences?
- Why did the Great Fire of 1666 spread so easily?

Art and Design

Explore & Draw

Introducing the idea that artists can be collectors & explorers as they develop drawing and composition skills.

PE

Sending and Receiving

Pupils will develop their sending and receiving skills including throwing and catching, rolling, kicking, tracking and stopping a ball. They will also use equipment to send and receive a ball. Pupils will be given opportunities to work with a range of different sized balls. They will apply their skills individually, in pairs and in small groups and begin to organize and self-manage their own activities.