

Year 2 Term 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear parents of year 2.

We hope you have had an enjoyable Easter break despite the current situation and are staying safe and well.

We would like to share with you what we would have been doing this term as if we were returning to school as normal.

As you know, the beginning of the school term is usually very exciting both for the children and the teachers as we engage and introduce the terms question and reading book which inspires our cross-curricular work.

The question we are asking this term is, 'How can we look after the environment?' and our book is, 'One Night Far From Here'.

Here is a brief description of the book. 'It's pitch-dark and everything seems to be asleep. But as dawn comes and as you turn the pages, you discover the animals living in the Amazonian jungle, in the savannah, the tundra, the oceans and the European forest. A book with beautiful landscapes and tracing papers to play with and guess who is hiding in the dark'. We will use the concept of the book to ask children to research the different areas that the book travels to, however our writing will initially begin by using a picture to engage and inspire the children into writing again.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Miss Ash and Mrs Dobson

As Coningsby Artists and Designers we will:

Use different coloured paints to mix into the primary colours. Create tints with paints adding white and create tints with paint adding black. Research artists, such as L.S Lowry, to see what inspired them to use the colours, shape and patterns they used.

As Coningsby Authors we will:

Be reading 'One Night Far From Here' and writing information texts on the Amazonian jungle, in the savannah, the tundra, the oceans and the European forest. Looking at the animals that inhabit these different eco-systems, from as far away as the jungle, to the forests right here on our doorsteps.



As Coningsby believers we will:

Be asking children why they think Easter is important to Christians and explaining that Easter is a festival that occurs in spring to remember a very important part of the Bible. Discussing with children that Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas and that Christians believe that Jesus is God come to Earth and discussing why the Easter story is one of sadness, followed by great happiness.

As Coningsby Scientists we will:

Be looking at animals including humans and the basic need for water, food and air for survival as well as the importance for humans, of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.

As Coningsby Historians and Geographers, we will:

Answering the question of 'How can we look after the environment?' by researching how we can recycle some of the plastics that we use today, learning about recycle, reuse and reduce as well as researching and recounting the life of someone famous from Britain who lived in the past, such as Winston Churchill.

As Coningsby Mathematicians:

Use mathematical vocabulary to describe position, direction and movement including movement in a straight line and distinguishing between rotation as a turn. We will be looking at right angles for quarter, half and three-quarter turns (clockwise and anti-clockwise). As SATS would have taken place this term we would have used it as an opportunity to practice everything that has been taught so far to ensure children are secure in their current knowledge.