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New City Primary School Year group: 2 Summer Term 2024

This term we are doing some very interesting and exciting things. We are keen to encourage parents and carers to help in their child's learning at home and as such we are providing you with this overview of what we shall be teaching at school. We also value any resources that you can contribute related to any of our topics. We also ask you to help us by making sure that all homework is completed. If you have any queries please feel free to have a chat with us.

English	Maths	Science
<p>In the first half of this term, the children will be studying poetry from Dr Seuss as well as looking at other genres of writing such as newspaper reports and non-chronological reports. The Children will focus on using adverbs for time and space as well as how to use paragraphs to organise their writing.</p> <p>In the second half of the term children will be introduced to chapter books such as The Climbers. The children will also be writing a diary/letter linked to their transition into Year 3.</p>	<p>In maths, the children will develop their understanding of place value of 2 and 3-digit numbers. A key skill that children will learn is developing their use of mental strategies focusing on time, money and measures. The children will be looking at subtraction using both written and mental strategies and learning to use these skills when using money. They will be looking at multiplication and division calculation strategies. The children will also be testing our 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. After half term the children will be consolidating their knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.</p>	<p>In the first half of the term the children will be exploring their local environment. They will learn about different habitats, how they are suited to particular animals and what food can be found in them. To conclude this topic, the children will learn about different food chains.</p> <p>In the second half of the term, Year 2 will be focusing on the environment and looking closely at how we can recycle, reduce and reuse different items to help protect the environment. Alongside this, the children will be learning about energy and what we can do to improve our energy use.</p>
History & Geography	Music	Art & DT
<p>In History, the first half of the term, children will be learning about particular national and global events and their impact on the world.</p> <p>In Geography, they will be comparing and contrasting Plaistow with the seaside. The children will visit Southend where they will carry out some fieldwork focusing on what the seaside is like and what people do at the seaside</p>	<p>In Music we will be focussing on pitch and reading dot notation. They will be learning how to read and how to compose with dot notation.</p> <p>The children will also be learning how to play a variety of instruments such as glockenspiels and xylophones.</p>	<p>In Art, children will be looking at the work of Shepard Fairey who is known for his depiction of Barack Obama in his portrait 'Hope'. Later in Summer 2, the children will create a mixed media printed seascape in the style of the French Impressionist artist Claude Monet.</p> <p>In DT, the children will be developing their textiles and sewing skills by designing and making their own puppets. They will also design and make their own bird feeders to support wildlife in our locality.</p>
Computing	Religious Education	PSHE
<p>The children will start off this term by learning how to collect data in tally charts and using attributes to organise and present data on a computer.</p> <p>After half term the children will be looking at different media and they will then use a computer as a tool to explore rhythms and melodies, before creating a musical composition.</p>	<p>In R.E children will be learning about special holy books. They will be learning about why the books are special to certain people. In particular the children will be looking at stories from these books and identifying their morals and what can be learnt from them.</p> <p>In the second half of this term children will be learning about the word 'Creation' and how the story of Creation differs between different religions.</p>	<p>In PSHE children will learn how to identify risks in the home and in areas such as school and the park. They will explore how their senses can help them to identify risks and stay safe. Children will also consider how experiencing intense emotions can make it harder for us to navigate risk, and consider strategies to cope with this. Later in the term pupils will consider different jobs and ways that people make money. They will identify different ways of making payments and prioritise needs and wants.</p>
PE	Mandarin	Homework
<p>During the Summer term, children will explore, remember, repeat and link a range of actions with coordination in gymnastics.</p> <p>They will develop Speed/direction/control in Keep Fit and Athletics, and their invasion skills across a range of sports.</p>	<p>In Summer 1, the children will be naming clothes items in Mandarin. The children will listen to clothing words and respond in English. They will also use the verb 'to wear' using different pronouns.</p> <p>After half term, the children will begin to name animals in Mandarin. They will name pets and express which ones like they. To conclude the children will observe and name the animals in the Great Zodiac race.</p>	<p>Homework will continue to be given out weekly: Monday- Spellings Tuesday- Reading Wednesday – Maths Thursday -Foundation Friday- English</p>
		Educational Visits
		<p>After half term the children will be visiting Southend beach, linked to their Geography topic of comparing and contrasting Plaistow to a beach.</p>

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