

English

This term, we will use the story, Frog and the Stranger by Max Velthuis, to write our own stories about friendship. We will be researching a range of sea animals, focusing especially on sharks. We will learn how to make notes from our reading and use our research to write our own reports. You may think you know all the fairy tales there are to know. Well think again. Discover alternative versions, where for example, Rapunzel is not the girl you thought she was and there's not a handsome prince in sight! We will take a range of fairy tales and make them our own by changing the characters completely.

If you have any questions or want to help out, please email Miss Jones at: niones@woodhall.herts.sch.uk

Our school-wide 'Love that Book' this term will be the enchanting *The Lost Spells* by Robert MacFarlane and Jackie Roberts.

Every class across the school will use the poems inside to inspire their own writing and art work! In Year 2, we will be using the poem 'Red Fox' to write our own animal riddle poems. You can watch a clip of the poem here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P2LVwUA7fPg>

Mathematics

This term we will be using the Herts Essential Maths Scheme to set us on the right track, tackling place value and addition and subtraction. If you need a helping hand with new concepts or tricky words, you can find definitions of key Mathematical Vocabulary at: <http://www.amathsdictionaryforkids.com/dictionary.html>

Place value underpins our understanding of a range of mathematical concepts so it is important to get it right early on. First off, we will learn how to identify the place value of tens and ones in a two-digit number. Next up, we will learn a range of methods for re-grouping two-digit numbers, for example if we had 16 ones, we would swap ten of them for a ten so we had one ten and six ones.

YEAR TWO

AUTUMN TERM

P.E. days are on Monday and Friday. Don't forget to wear your kit on your P.E. day and when you have an after school club!

Phonics

Phonics is at the heart of our English learning. We have daily phonics sessions to help us become fluent, capable readers and writers. This term, we will build on our previous knowledge, focusing on using our sounds to help us write. Further information about the phonics phases can be found at: <https://www.theschoolrun.com/phonics-teaching-step-by-step>.

History

This term, we will be asking and answering questions about the life of Sir David Attenborough. We will have a special 'Wow Day' to introduce the topic by dressing up as wildlife explorers, finding plants and animals in the school grounds. We will produce our own wildlife documentaries. We will also be writing letters to Sir David Attenborough.



Design and Technology

This term, we will be designing and constructing animal habitats.

We will also be developing our cooking skills by learning to how to make pancakes.

R.E.

We will identify a range of everyday symbols and understand what they mean. We will be able to identify the symbols for the world's main religions. In the second half term, we will think about why it is important to give gifts and

Geography

In Geography, we will be developing our understanding of the countries of the UK and their characteristics. We will also learn about the points of a compass.

Computing

In Computing, you will explore e-safety, coding, spreadsheets and databases!

P.S.H.E.

This term we will discuss what a good friend looks like and find new ways to resolve arguments. We will consider how our words and actions can make people feel. We will discuss how to respond if you feel that you or someone else is being bullied and which trusted adults we can talk to.

Art

This term, we will develop our drawing skills by creating detailed self-portraits as well as developing our colouring mixing skills to paint some Autumn leaves.

Science

We will explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. We will learn that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other. Aspiring to be budding gardeners, we will observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. We will find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy. We will have opportunities to work scientifically by observing and recording, with some accuracy, the growth of a variety of plants as they change over time from a seed or bulb and by observing similar plants at different stages of growth.