



Year Two Curriculum Report – Summer Term B **‘Home and Away’**



English

In English we will be reading a range of different stories including the Mr Benn by David McKee. We will be looking at the adventures Mr Benn has, and the children will have the opportunity to innovate and edit. They will become authors themselves and rewrite the middle of the story.

You could support this work by finding books at home or visiting the library to borrow a selection of books by a popular children’s author e.g. Jill Murphy, Martin Waddell, Julia Donaldson or Nick Butterworth. Once you have you could discuss the beginning, middle and end of the story. Can you child think of an alternate middle or ending?

Maths

In maths we will recap the four operations, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. It is important that your child is confident with their 2s, 5s and 10 times tables. They also need to be able to recall (just know) that if $5 \times 10 = 50$ then $50 \div 10 = 5$. In addition to this, knowing that + (addition) is the inverse of – (subtraction) is also important, so if $6 + 14 = 20$ then $20 - 14 = 6$. Once we are confident with this, we will recap telling the time, finding fractions and the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

When you are out and about you could help your child by questioning them on the different shapes that they see and the properties of those shapes seen.

Topic

For this half term our topic is ‘Home and Away’ which will involve work across the curriculum, including art and geography. Usually we would visit Purbrook Village, Old Portsmouth and the Spinnaker Tower in Gunwharf Quays but unfortunately this is not possible this year. **However, if you are able to visit any of these places with your child it will help them to visualise the places we will be studying. If this is not possible, please do not worry because we will visit these places virtually.** We will be working on our map skills to navigate our way around the area and looking for key features and landmarks along the way. The children should be able to compare both the places visited and be able to talk about similarities and differences they noticed.

Art

We will be studying a portfolio of art from a local artist and book illustrators and the children will have the opportunity to practice their observation skills when sketching. We will be sketching the human features found in Portsmouth (Spinnaker Tower).

PE

This half term the children will be practising various summer sporting activities.

Homework challenge: Create a geography piece of work based on our local environment – this may include some map work, a leaflet advertising the local area or even a weather report to discuss the June forecast.

Please continue to help your child with their reading and spellings at home, the Year Two teachers do recognise and appreciate the time you spend supporting your child’s learning.