



# Year 2 Summer 1 Newsletter



## WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE



STORY AND PICTURES BY MAURICE SENDAK

Our topic for Summer 1 is "Where The Wild Things Are". It is a science based topic around humans and animals. We will be learning about characteristics of living things through to classifying birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles and mammals.

### English

#### Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Skills (SPaG)

We will continue to build on rules and spelling patterns as well as grammar rules. The children will develop their understanding of conjunctions and how to use them to extend sentences. We will be learning about how to use co-ordinating conjunctions or, so that, because and but. We will be learning how to use apostrophes correctly and exploring different tenses we use when writing. We will learn different spelling rules and patterns each week.

#### Texts

We will be reading Where the Wild Things Are, "The Garden" by Dylan Sheldon and "Journey" by Aaron Becker. These stories will help us to write descriptions and creative stories.

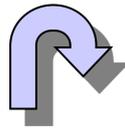
We will also be reading different non-fiction texts about mini beasts and staying healthy.

### Maths

This half term we will be focussing on:

#### Position and direction

- Describing movement
- Describing turns
- Make patterns with shapes



#### Measurement

- O'clock and half past
- Quarter past and quarter to
- Telling time to 5 minutes
- Minutes in an hour, hours in a day
- Find and compare durations of time



#### Mass, Capacity and Temperature

- Compare mass, measuring in grams and kilograms.
- Comparing capacity- millilitres, litres.
- Temperature



We will still be practising 2x, 5x, and 10x times

tables/ division facts.



### Science

This half term our topic is Living Things. We will be learning about different groups of living things and identifying carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. Pupils will be investigating which living things exist in our school habitat and which mini-beasts live in microhabitats. We will learning what a food chain is and create different food chains with producers and consumers.

### Art and History/ Geography

In Art, we will be looking at the work of the artist Rousseau. We will be finding out about his life and create pictures in his style.

In History, pupils will be exploring how Ushaw Moor has changed over time by looking at photographs and maps. We will be creating maps of the village.

### RE / PSHE

In R.E. this term, we will be learning about Buddhism. We will be learning about Buddhist beliefs and practices as well as Buddhist festivals.

In PSHE, we will be learning about how we show our feelings and how to recognise how people might be feeling.

### Music and PE

In Music we will be using different instruments to create a jungle piece where different creatures are represented by different instruments.

The children will now take part in their PE lessons on Wednesday. Please make sure they have their kit in school as sometimes we have additional sessions on other days.