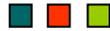




Meet the team...



Miss Gregory
Picasso
Class Teacher



Mrs Kosciukiewicz
Blake
Class Teacher



Mrs Hanham
Monet
Class Teacher

This term's Doorway...



Doorways and Pathways—

This term we will be continuing our Doorway 'Perfect Planet' following the Pathway of 'Mr McGregor's Garden'. Children will continue to investigate place—thinking about Milton Keynes and The Lake District. They will consider the differences between how people live in different locations and use geographical language to describe different settings. Children will continue to work with maps and aerial images to understand the geography in the UK.

Helping at home:

Talk about how locations are different. Think about human and physical features and why some places have more human features than others. If you visit new places, point out the features and locate the start and end points of your journey on a map—looking at map symbols and references.

This term's Values...



Science In Spring 1, the children will be learning about: animals, including humans. Children will notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. They will describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air). They will learn the importance of exercise, eating a balanced diet, and hygiene. In Spring 2, the children will learn about living things and their habitats. We will also look at food chains and what animals eat.

Helping at home:

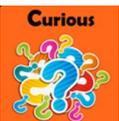
Think about animals living in our gardens or parks. What is their habitat? Why do they live there? Why is it this the best place for them? Then think about food chains, what are predators and prey?

Maths Children will learn about different money coins and notes, as well as finding change. Children will continue to learn about multiplication and division using groups and sharing to solve calculations. They will then move onto solving problems using practical equipment, arrays, repeated addition and some mental strategies. Children will then move onto learning about measure e.g. length, height, mass, capacity and temperature.

Helping at home: Learn 2, 5 and 10 multiplication and division facts. Going to a shop and working out change. Doing some home baking so they understand mass and measuring.

Useful websites:

- <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/kids-club/cool-kids/general-kids-club/save-earth-with-greenpeace/>
- <https://numbots.com/>



Spring 1 PE Day— Thursday

English This term we will be consolidating all the skills we have learned over the last term in a range of different text types. We will be writing for a range of different purposes including story writing and writing persuasive letters. We will also be learning and writing poetry. We will be focusing on handwriting and developing every pupil's fine motor skills so they can present their writing to the best of their ability. Lastly, the children will be able to use possessive apostrophes and commas in a list.

Helping at home:

Practise reading and spelling Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Words and High Frequency words with your children so they are fluently writing these words correctly. Challenge: can you write a story or persuasive letter?

Key dates for Year 2 this half term:

- 5 January—INSET Day
- 10 February—Safer Internet Day
- 11 and 12 February—Parents' Evening
- 13—Break up for Half-Term
- 23 February—INSET Day
- *PE Days on Wednesday from 24th February*
- 5 March—World Book Day
- 13 March—Sports Relief
- 24 March—Year 2 FAB Finale
- 27 March—Break up for Easter Holiday