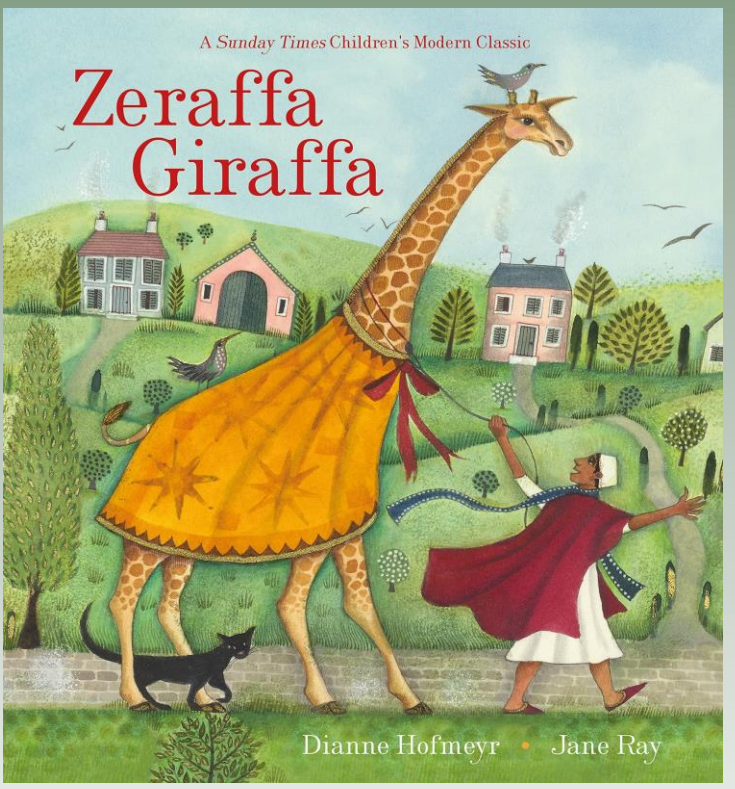
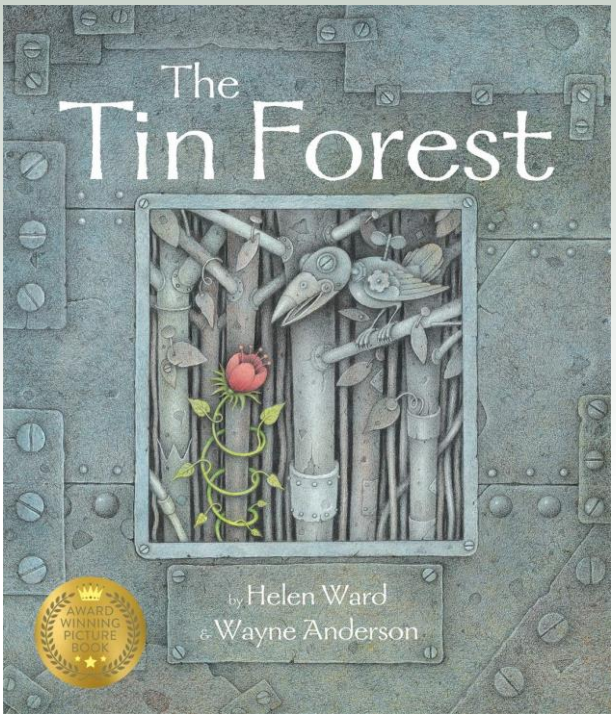
Year 2 Topic Letter

Summer 1: Our Beautiful World





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Our topic in Year 2 this term is called

Our Beautiful World!

Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) link:
SDG 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainability development.

MATHS

In Mathematics, we will continue to explore money. We will calculate total amounts and learn how to calculate change.

We will also begin our journey into Multiplication and Division.

Alongside this we will continue to embed all of the key concepts we have learned so far in Year 2, and will be using these concepts to solve a variety of one step and two step problems.

ENGLISH

This term we will be using fiction texts as inspiration for our writing. We will be reading high quality story books, which we will recycle into our own narratives. We will also be discussing the poetry of Benjamin Zephaniah and writing our own poems in his style.

We will focus on using high level vocabulary to improve the quality of our work.
We will continue to ensure our writing incorporates all of the Year 2 grammar objectives.
We will continue to take part in daily spelling and phonic sessions as well as daily guided reading.

SCIENCE

In Science , we are continuing to learn about living things and their habitats. We will be identifying how different living things have adapted to their own habitats. We will also investigate foodchains, looking closely at how animals obtain their food.

GEOGRAPHY

Through our "Beautiful World" topic we will be exploring the threats to our oceans including plastic pollution and rising sea levels and how it affacts life under the sea.

The effect of climate change will also form a large part of our learning as we will be looking at the impact of this around the world.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION and PSHE

In RE we will be exploring how we should care for others and the world and why this matters? We will be looking at this using different religions as a starting point and exploring whether there is a common thread which runs between them.

In PSHE we will be focusing on "Being my Best". We will be learning more about taking responsibility for our own education, and how we can build resiliance and persiverence.

COMPUTING

During this half term, we will be exploring photography. Throughout this we will be experimenting with different effects such a lighting to understand what makes a good photograph. We will also be learning the difference between portrait and landscape and why they are used.

ART and DESIGN

During art lessons this term we will be learning about observational drawings in the style of the Impressionists. We will be using observational sketches to inspire our final watercolour masterpiece.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

For outdoor PE our focus will be developing ball skills through team games. Emphasasis will be placed on the skills of throwing, catching and passing while moving. The children will also be working collaboratively and building on the skills involved in teamwork.

Hazel have a PE session on a Monday whilst Rowan will have a PE session on a Thursday. The children in both Hazel and Rowan Class will have their other PE session on a Tuesday. Just a reminder that our school PE kit consists of a white t-shirt and a dark coloured tracksuit, shorts or leggings.

KEY DATES

Monday 22nd April - Earth Day

Thursday 2nd May – Polling Day

Monday 6th May - Bank holiday

WB Monday 6th May – Deaf Awareness Week

Monday 20th May - SATS Week

Friday 24th May – Last Day of Summer 1

Year 2 SATS ASSESSMENTS

This half term, the children will be taking part in their Statutory Assessment Tests which will take place on the week beginning the 20th May. Further information is available on the school website on the Year 2 page.

HOME READING & SPELLING

Children need to bring their reading books to school every day! The children's books wil be changed regularly. Please make sure your child reads regulary at home and please leave a comment in the home school reading diary. The children in Hazel Class will visit the library on a Monday and the children in Rowan Class will visit the library on a Wednesday.

Children will be given weekly spellings on a Monday and then assessed the following Monday.

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