

Pangea



Year 2 - Spring 1

Topic Leaflet

Geography

The main focus this half term will be naming and locating the seven continents of planet earth.

There will be links to the animals, climates and cultures within these different continents.

Science

Our focus this half term is animals and their adaptations. They will learn about animals that are either Carnivores, Herbivores or Omnivores through learning about prehistoric creatures and current animals.

The children will also be looking into scientifically classifying items. We will classify them as alive, dead or never been alive.

Topic Overview

This half term we will be teaching the children about the world we live in. We will be discussing Pangea and how the continental shift created the seven continents of today.

Dinosaurs are a passion for many of our children this year so we will be teaching this half terms curriculum with strong links to prehistoric creatures.

At home

- Discuss holidays the children and family members have been on. Show pictures, talk about the weather and see if you can find the places on a world map.
- Allow the children to look at world maps and globes, can they find England? Where else can they find?
- Help your children memorise the names and locations of the seven continents.
- Go to the library and look through fact books on dinosaurs. What did they eat? How big were they? What defensive adaptation did they have?
- Andy's Prehistoric Adventures on CBeebies is a wonderful

Dates to remember

6th January - Inset Day

7th January - First day of school. Bring chatter boxes in to school.

28th January - Elephant Class Assembly

4th February - Giraffe Class Assembly

10th - 14th February - Science Week

11th February - E-Safety Day - Dress up as a super hero.

14th February - End of half term

English

Non-fiction text is the main focus of this half term.

We will be looking at the key features of non-fiction texts and how they differ from fiction texts.

The children will be using the skills they learn in their geography and science lessons to help them write an interesting fact file on the dinosaur of their choice.

Maths

We will continue to look at counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. We will then be using this knowledge to solve multiplication and division sums.

Fractions () will also be a main teaching point of this half term. Talking to your children about halves and quarters in everyday situations will support their understanding in the lessons.