

Could Rhinos Ever Live in the Arctic?

Year 2 – 2023/2024

Autumn 1 and 2

Throughout the Autumn term, Year 2 will be investigating the question: Could rhinos ever live in the Arctic? They will be doing this through a variety of different topic based subjects such as geography, science and history as well as taking part in a trip to Marwell Zoo!

Geography Year 2 will be learning about The Arctic, Antarctic and Africa. They will develop the skill of **investigating places and patterns** by a range of activities including identifying the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator as well as the North and South poles to identifying continents and oceans using world maps, atlases and globes. They will then use these skills to describe and compare the physical and human features of these regions and focus on developing the skill of **communicating geographically**.

History Year 2 will begin to **build an overview of world history** by studying significant individuals from the past (Scott of the Antarctic and Ernest Shackleton). They will develop their **understanding of chronology** by placing events in order on a timeline and using dates where appropriate.

Science Year 2 will be working on developing their **understanding of animals and humans** by identifying the different classes of animals (eg mammals) and classifying, describing and comparing these. Year 2 will also **investigate living things**, looking at the idea of a simple food chain and giving reasons as to why an animal is suited to its environment.

Art Year 2 will be working on **mastering techniques** during this topic. They will develop their pencil control and sketching skills when sketching their own Arctic, Antarctic and African animals, by drawing lines of different sizes and thicknesses. They will add pattern and texture to an African style painting by adding dots and lines. They will also be creating an animal made out of clay. Year 2 will also be exploring colour and creating their own colour wheels.

Computing Year 2 will develop their ability to **communicate** and use a range of applications in order to share their ideas and work. They will also be developing their understanding of how technology can **connect** them to the wider world and they will continue to develop their understanding of online risks and the age rules for sites.

RE Year 2 will be developing their **understanding of beliefs and teachings** by learning about some of the main celebrations of a religion (Harvest, Diwali and Advent). They will develop an **understanding of how beliefs are conveyed** by studying the use of candlelight as a symbol.

Gymnastics Year 2 will be **developing their practical skills** during this topic. They will be moving with an increased level of control and co-ordination and be able to link two or more actions to perform a sequence. They will also be developing their understanding of how to climb safely onto equipment and jump in a variety of ways with a safe landing. Children will also develop an understanding of the importance for humans of exercise.

Year 2 – Term/Key Dates

Autumn 1 – Monday 4th September to Friday 20th October

Marwell Zoo Trip: Friday 6th October 2023

Harvest Festival: Tuesday 17th October 2023 2.00pm, St John's Church- Parents invited

English & Phonics Workshop for Parents: Friday 20th October 9.00am – Parents invited

HALF TERM HOLIDAY – Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October

Autumn 2 – Monday 30th October to Friday 15th December

Back to school, 8.45 am Monday 30 October

Maths Workshop for Parents: Tuesday 31st October 9.00am – Parents invited

Flu Immunisations: Tuesday 31st October 2023

Attendance Meeting: 9.00-9.30am Friday 3rd November – served with tea/coffee & breakfast pastries – All Parents invited to attend please

Parents' Evenings : 3.30-6.00pm Monday 6th November and Wednesday 8th November

Pudsey Children in Need fundraising: Friday 17th November

Calendar Making Activity: 9.00-9.40am Friday 1st December – Parents invited

End of Topic Museum: Tuesday 5th December 2.45pm – Parents invited

Year 2 Christmas Nativity: Tuesday 12th December 2023 2.00pm – Parents invited

Children's Christmas Lunch (& Golden Ticket) – Friday 15th December

WFA Magic Show & Last Day of School – Friday 15th December

BACK TO SCHOOL: 8.40am Tuesday 2nd January 2024

