



Hazelbury Primary School

## Year 2 Newsletter Autumn Two 2023

### Year Two Learning Experiences Last Half Term



Sparrow Class enjoyed the Space Dome experience!



Robin Class went on gratitude walk to appreciate nature.



Dove Class shared their fantastic home learning projects.



Starling Class developed confident in using practical manipulatives in Maths!



In dance lessons Wren Class have been learning to move in counts of 8.

### What will your child be learning about this half term?

In English we will be reading *Clean Up* by Nathan Bryon, *Red Alert* by Catherine Barr and *The Great Explorer* by Chris Judge. We will be writing in different genres including a recount, information text, fact-file and a letter. We will be focusing on learning the following grammar rules: using the past tense correctly, co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions, expanded noun phrases and adding commas to a list.

In Maths we will be focusing on finding number bonds to 10, 20 and 100, adding and subtracting two-digit numbers and ones, identifying multiplication and division facts for the 2-, 5- and 10-times tables and recognising and completing patterns and number sequences.

Our topic in science is living things and their habitats. They will learn how animals adapt to suit their habitat and relate this to their understanding of extinction. Pupils will also gain knowledge of how animals obtain food from their habitats and know the impact of the destruction of these habitats.

Our learning quest this half term is 'Can we stop extinction?' We will be focusing on learning skills in geography such as asking and answering geographical questions, using basic geographical vocabulary and using aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic physical features.

In art we will be learning use sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination, making links to the work of Lym Moreno.

In RE we will be exploring the theme of 'Light and Dark' by looking at stories from different religions including Christianity, Hinduism and Judaism.

### Key Dates for our Year Group this half term

*This is in addition to the whole school key dates.*

Date	Event
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Library Visit - Sparrow Class
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Library Visit - Dove Class
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Reading Cafe
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Library Visit - Starling
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Library Visit - Wren
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Library Visit - Robin

### Our Recommendations:

#### **Book Recommendation:**

- *Little Turtle and the Sea* by Becky Davies
- *Tidy* by Emily Gravett
- *Old Enough to Save the Planet* by Anna Taylor
- *Fantastically Great Women who Save the Planet* by Kate Pankhurst

#### **Website recommendation:**

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z3hcr2p#zbp4cmn>  
<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/more-find-out/special-events/endangered-animals/>