

Class News

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Fairy Tale Land

In our exciting geography topic, Year 2 will be exploring the world, locating the seven continents, the North and South Poles and the equator on a world map. We will compare hot and cold climates, identifying countries with different weather and investigating the features that make places unique. We will closely focus on the UK and Kenya, describing similarities and differences between weather, seasons and daily life and deciding where we would prefer to live. We will also enjoy and explore the wonderful stories of Julia Donaldson including *The Highway Rat*, *Tiddler* and *Room on the Broom*.

Maths

- Partition numbers up to 20 into tens and ones
- Represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20
- Measure and estimate length/height in cm and m
- Measure and estimate capacity in ml and l
- Add a two-digit number and ones with concrete objects

English

- Write a wanted poster – *The Highway Rat*
- Innovate on story structure to write our own narrative – *Tiddler*
- Write a first person recount of events – *Room on the Broom*
- Use contractions, co-ordinating contractions and expanded noun phrases

Other subjects

Science – changing materials
D&T – free standing structures
Computing – online safety
PSHE – me and my relationships, valuing difference
RE – special places

Our class reader/ book is: a variety of Julia Donaldson stories

Vocabulary

Continent – very large, continuous mass of land
Country – a defined area of land with its own government, people and borders
Climate – the usual weather of a place over a long period of time
Rainforest – a thick forest with tall trees and very heavy rainfall all year round
Rural – countryside areas, away from busy cities or towns
Savannah – a wide, open grassy area with few trees, usually in hot countries
Rain gauge – a simple tool used to measure how much rain has fallen

How to help at home

Reading as often as possible – sharing stories at home is a wonderful way to build your child's love of reading as well as developing their vocabulary.

Outcome

The children will transform their classroom into an interactive globe, divided into the 7 continents. They will become expert tour guides and invite Year 1 to explore their creations from each place.

Key messages

Woodpecker PE days are – Monday and Friday. Please send your child to school in their PE kits on these days.
Coach's club this term for Woodpecker class in on a Monday.