

Dear Hadley Year 2 Parent

Year 2 Curriculum Spring 1 2022

Both Exeter and Newcastle Universities have had a wonderful half term learning about hurricanes and tornados. We all had the opportunity to act as weather reporters and made our own umbrellas! The children loved reading 'Lila and the Secret of Rain' and writing lots of narratives. We have also written some very persuasive letters about the importance of saving our planet from global warming, which was our science topic this past half term.

Next half term, our Terrific Text is 'Camille and The Sunflowers' by Anholt's Artists, a focus of on Vincent Van Gogh. We will also be reading 'A Seed in Need' by Saviour Pirotta, a non-fiction book about the plant cycle.

The topic we are following next half term is 'Vincent Van Gogh. The children will be learning about his life and creating pieces of art based on his famous masterpieces. They will also be learning about Buddhism and who Siddhartha is.

Vincent Van Gough

<p>English</p> 	<p>We will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading the terrific text 'Camille and The Sunflowers' • Reading the non-fiction text 'A Seed in Need' • Writing information texts • Writing narrative stories with a familiar setting • Writing character descriptions based on characters we have been studying
<p>Mathematics</p> 	<p>We will be learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiplication and Division • Time • Fractions
<p>Science</p> 	<p>We will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning about the use of everyday materials • Understanding that both natural and man-made materials are used based on the strengths of their properties • Sorting and classifying objects based on their properties • Understanding how some materials can change shape
<p>Art</p> 	<p>We will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sketching an image of Van-Gogh's work • Discussing how Van-Gogh has used colour, pattern and shape in his pieces of work • Making tints and tones by adding white and black • Painting our own versions of a Van-Gogh's painting, The Sunflowers

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<p>History</p> 	<p>We will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studying the life of Vincent Van Gogh • Comparing similarities and differences between early and late Van Gogh paintings • Creating an advert for a Van Gogh exhibition
<p>Music</p> 	<p>We will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring notation and pitch using glockenspiels
<p>P.E</p> 	<p>We will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing our dribbling skills to play in games
<p>I.C.T and Computing</p> 	<p>We will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning how to tinker with Bee-Bots and understand the language of coding.
<p>R.E</p> 	<p>We will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing children to Buddhism. • Learning about why Siddhartha is import to Buddhists.

Here are some ways that you can help your child at home:

- Check the Independent Learning Folder on the iPad MSTeams for useful activities that your child can do independently. This will really support learning and help them to make great progress.
- Help your child learn their multiplication tables by regularly practising with them at home, in the car or in any spare time you may have.
- Practise your child's spellings to prepare them for their test.
- Use Maths Shed, Spelling Shed and Times Tables Rockstars to support with this.
- Read with your child every night - please remember to do so and do not forget to sign your child's reading record!

Other books they might enjoy that link to their topic is:

- *Charlie and Lola: I Really Wonder What Plant I'm Growing* by Lauren Child
- *Katie and the Sunflowers* by James Mayhew
- [*The Days the Crayons Quit*](#) by Drew Daywalt

We wish all of our families a relaxing Christmas break and we look forward to the children returning in the New Year.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

The Year 2 Team

Ms Benjamin and Miss Cruickshank