

<p><b><u>St John's to Japan</u></b></p> <p>This is a geography based topic in which the children will compare our locality of St John's Village to a small area in Japan. We will look at the physical and human geography of St John's. We will also locate it on maps and look at keys by walking around the school.</p> <p>When looking at Japan, we will use aerial photographs to see how the physical and human geography is similar or different to our own.</p> <p>In art and design, we will begin by looking at the artist Andy Goldsworthy who uses natural materials to create his artwork. We will use natural materials from our local environment to create our own work inspired by him. We will then learn about the Japanese artist, Yayoi Kusama to learn how to control the use of the brush by drawing dots.</p> <p>Our DT project will be to make a bird nest which can support an egg. We will look at the best materials to use and think about what is important when building a bird nest, designing and evaluating our ideas before using natural materials to bring our designs to life!</p>	<p><b><u>Maths</u></b></p> <p>The first half of the autumn term will all be number based. We will be looking at place value and addition and subtraction. In the second half term we will move onto money, applying what we have learnt in the first half term in a different context. We will then spend a couple of weeks on multiplication followed by some work on statistics.</p>	<p><b><u>English</u></b></p> <p>For the first half term we will begin by using the story of The Elves and the Shoemaker as a basis for our own story writing. We will then be using the book 'A First Book of Nature' to write poems about natural things. We will also be writing instructions and making informative posters. After the holiday we will use the Japanese traditional story 'The Peach Boy' to create their story and influence their art work as well as writing a Japan fact file.</p>
<p><b><u>How you can help you child?</u></b></p> <p>Try these websites –  <a href="http://www.topmarks.co.uk">www.topmarks.co.uk</a>  <a href="http://www.crickweb.co.uk">www.crickweb.co.uk</a>  <a href="http://www.ictgames.com">www.ictgames.com</a>  <a href="http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk">www.oxfordowl.co.uk</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Year 2</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Autumn 2021</b></p> <p><b><u>Important Dates</u></b></p> <p>Coffee morning: 22<sup>nd</sup> September 9am  Feeling Good Week: w.c. 4<sup>th</sup> October  Parents' Evenings: 13<sup>th</sup> October 5pm-7:30pm,  14<sup>th</sup> October 3:30pm-6pm  Half term: 22<sup>nd</sup>– 29<sup>th</sup> October  INSET day: 1<sup>st</sup> November  Christmas Lunch: 15<sup>th</sup> December  Last Day of Term: 17<sup>th</sup> December 2:30pm Finish</p> <p><b><u>Values for the Autumn Term:</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Kindness and Responsibility</b></p>	<p><b><u>Other information</u></b></p> <p>PE is on Monday and Thursday. Please make sure your child is wearing their PE kit on these days. If it rains on Thursday, the children will still have a PE lesson on Friday.</p> <p>Please ensure all items of clothing are named – particularly jumpers and cardigans!</p> <p>To ensure that your child remains hydrated throughout the day, please provide them with a named water bottle.</p> <p>Your child's reading book will be changed on Tuesdays and Fridays.</p> <p><b><u>Homework</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Reading books five times in a week*</li> <li>-Spelling</li> <li>-Nursery rhymes (dingle, dangle scarecrow and hey, diddle diddle)</li> <li>-Counting targets</li> </ul> <p>* Please remember to sign daily</p>