

YEAR TWO TOPIC NEWSLETTER



Summer Term 2026

Where the Wild

Things Are

(7 weeks)



This exciting topic in Year Two, this half term, has a heavy focus on plant life. We will start by introducing the term 'germination' and will recap on how a plant starts to grow (from a seed or a bulb). The children will carry out a fair test and will also make predictions about what the optimum temperature is for certain plants to grow.

In geography, the children will be preparing for their end of year trip to Moors Valley, where they will use their map skills to navigate the park looking at both human and physical features.



Our focus text in literacy is 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak. It is a great book to capture the children's imagination, as the child's room changes into another world, where the 'Wild Things' live. We will focus on this setting description and use this to innovate our very own worlds. Alongside this, the children will use the information learnt in topic time to write an informative report about how plants grow from a seed or a bulb and all the things that a plant might need to grow.

In maths, the children will recap on and build upon their prior learning while looking at measurement, multiplication and division.

Throughout this half term in Year Two, we will aim to work very closely with the staff and children at Haymoor Junior School, to help with the transition to junior school. We have many activities planned, including visits to Haymoor Junior School, so that the children can start to get a taste for life in Year Three. We are also in contact with other local schools to ensure that all our children have a smooth transition. This term, the children will find out which teacher they will have next year and will have the opportunity to spend time in their new classroom with their new teacher on Transfer Day.

Home Learning Activity

For the children's home learning, we would like them to choose a plant or flower that they like and then produce their own beautiful picture of that plant or flower. This can be completed using paints, chalks, pastels, collage, colouring pencils, felt tips or whatever they choose! Please label this picture with the parts of a plant. The children's home learning must be sent into school by **Monday 13th July 2026** (please feel free to send it in earlier).

Focus Author

This half term, we will be reading and discussing books and stories written by the author Malorie Blackman. Some lovely stories ideal for Year 2 written by Malorie Blackman include Ellie and the Cat, Cloud Busting and We're Going to Find the Monster.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 3rd June – Transition event at Haymoor

Monday 8th June – Year 2 Sports Day

Friday 12th June – Non-uniform for tombola donation for FOAA's Teddy Bears' Picnic and Fair

Tuesday 16th June – Transition event at Haymoor

Monday 22nd June – Staff INSET day

Friday 26th June – Transfer day and FOAA's Teddy Bears' Picnic and Fair

Monday 29th June – Year 2 leavers disco 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Tuesday 30th June – Transition event at Haymoor

Wednesday 1st July – Meerkats' and Zebras' Moors Valley Trip

Thursday 2nd July – Giraffes' Moors Valley Trip

Friday 3rd July – Aspirations Day

Wednesday 8th July – Teach Trust Summer Concert

Tuesday 14th July – Parents' evening 4.30pm-7.30pm

Wednesday 15th July- Parents' evening 3.30pm-6.00pm

Thursday 16th July – Year 2 Leavers' Assemblies

Wednesday 22nd July – Last day of school (Please do keep hold of your children's summer uniform during the summer holidays if they are transitioning to Haymoor Junior School in case of hot weather in September, as TEACH may extend the wearing of this uniform for part of the Autumn Term).

SPECIFIC LETTERS ABOUT SOME OF THESE EVENTS WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY

PE- Gymnastics and Outdoor Games

In PE this half term, the children will be learning gymnastics. The children will explore a range of apparatus and learn to use these safely.

In outdoor games, we follow a scheme called 'Get Set 4 PE' which is fully aligned to the National Curriculum and Ofsted requirements. This term, we are focusing on striking and fielding, alongside sports day practise.

PE days for this half term continue to be as follows:

Giraffes: Monday and Tuesday

Zebras: Monday and Tuesday

Meerkats: Monday and Tuesday

Please help us to keep your child safe by removing their earrings on PE and outdoor games days, otherwise they will be unable to participate in some parts of these sessions. Please also ensure that, if your child has long hair, it is tied back; their PE kit is in school and that their clothes are clearly labelled with their name. Your child's PE bag will be sent home half termly to be washed.

PSHE and Religion and Worldviews

The children's learning will be moving onto the unit 'Changing Me'. In this unit, the children will be learning about lifecycles in nature, growing from young to old, their changing bodies and recognising feelings during times of change.

We will be recapping the 'Free Flow' trick and learning the 'Big Yes' trick from our Trickbox this half term.



In RWV, the children will continue their learning about Humanism and their beliefs.

If you have any questions about this newsletter, please contact your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support,

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