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YEAR 2

	Well Prepared for Life
All things bright and beautiful	
English	*Children following the Read Write Inc. programme will continue to develop their knowledge of the key phonemes, with an emphasis of reading and spelling words containing these sounds and using them within written sentences. *The children off the Read Write Inc. programme will develop their writing skills, following the topic of All Things Bright and Beautiful'. Their writing will focus around the story of 'The owl who was afraid of the dark' (fiction) and creating fact files and non-chronological reports about animals and minibeasts (non-fiction) The emphasis will continue to be on using adjectives, descriptive phrases and adventurous vocabulary.
Maths	The children will focus on Geometry with an emphasis on position and direction. We will then look at problem solving using efficient methods in addition to consolidating the four operations.
Science	This half term we will explore 'Plants and Animals' The children will work scientifically to: observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy explore and compare differences between things that are living, dead and living things that have never been alive identify living things and the habitats in which they live identify and name a variety of plants recognise simple food chains
Computing	The children will use the Internet to research different animal habitats and find out where animals around the world live. They will research information on different mini-beasts creating their own fact files. They will develop their word processing skills using Word.
History	Not covered this half term
Geography	Will we revisit the naming of the seven continents and encourage the children to identify the different continents. We will also look at the five main oceans, using maps and atlases.
Physical Education	The children's physical skills will be developed through exploring different athletic challenging (including throwing). The children will also develop their fielding skills in preparation for larger team games.
Art and Design	The children do some observational drawings of owls focusing on pattern and texture. They will also explore shading using one colour. They will make their own flower by building up the different parts (cc science).
Design and Technology	The children will explore sewing techniques to create their own mini-beast. (Creating a design, sewing the mini-beast and evaluating the finished product)
Music Religious Education	All children will be taught the recorder, using the notes B A and G. We will look at the lives of some famous people and how their actions have impacted upon society and people's beliefs. (e.g. Mother Teresa)
PSHE	The children will play listening games, developing turn taking and consideration of others.
Spanish (KS2 only)	Only taught in KS2