



Bursley Academy



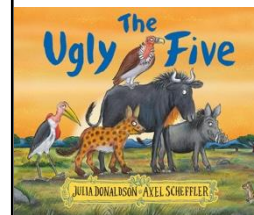
Year 2 Newsletter – Autumn 1

We hope you had a lovely Summer break and are looking forward to the exciting upcoming weeks that we have planned.

English

In our English lessons, we will read and explore *The Ugly Five* by Julia Donaldson. The children will develop their descriptive writing skills by writing a setting description. We will then write an explanation text linked to our Science topic, 'Animals Including Humans', focusing on the different stages of how humans grow and develop into adults. In our comprehension lessons, the children will expand their vocabulary and further develop their understanding of the texts by answering retrieval questions.

<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk>



Maths

In our maths lessons, we will focus on place value and develop the children's understanding of numbers up to 100. They will learn to recognise, represent, partition, compare, and order numbers, as well as practise counting in 2s, 3s, 5s, and 10s. We will then focus on addition and subtraction, developing fluency with number bonds to 10 and 20, adding and subtracting ones and tens, and adding three 1-digit numbers. The children will also explore addition and subtraction with and without exchange, solve problems, and develop their understanding of fact families and number sentences.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://www.timestables.co.uk>

Foundation Subjects

Science

In our 'Animals Including Humans' unit, the children will learn about the basic needs of humans and animals, including food, water, air, and shelter. They will explore the life cycle of humans and animals, learning how offspring grow and change into adults and discovering the different ways animals are born, including from eggs or as live young.

Geography

In our '7 Continents, 5 Oceans = 1 Planet' unit, the children will learn what continents and oceans are and explore the seven continents and five oceans of the world. They will also locate the United Kingdom within Europe and develop their understanding of the world around them.

Art

In our 'Drawing' unit, the children will explore different types of lines and how they can be used to create patterns and textures. They will learn how to use pencils of different hardness to create lighter and darker tones, as well as developing their blending skills to soften lines and merge colours. The children will also explore how texture can be represented through drawing.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)

In our 'What Makes a Good Friend?' unit, the children will explore the qualities that make a good friend, including being kind, caring, honest, respectful, and trustworthy. They will learn how to resolve disagreements and recognise when a friendship may not be positive. The children will also explore how to be a good friend both in person and online.

Religious Education (RE)

In our 'Worship and Places of Worship' unit, the children will learn about Christianity, its followers, beliefs, and practices. They will explore the importance of the Bible, churches, prayer, and worship, as well as learning about Christian symbols and how Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus.

Key Dates

- Every Monday and Thursday – PE Lessons
- Wednesday 23rd September – SEND Parent Meetings
- Friday 9th October – Hello Yellow Day
- Friday 16th October – History Day
- Monday 19th October – Friday 23rd October – Try Something Different Week
- Thursday 22nd October – Halloween Disco

If you have any questions, please email office@bursley.staffs.sch.uk

Many thanks for your continued support,
Miss Wilkes and Miss Birks