

Year Two

Science and Nature Study

This year students will focus on the study of ornithology (birds) as well as pond and river life. We will be using *The Children's Book of Birds* and *By Pond and River* as well as a few more supplemental books.

History

Students will work through the middle section of *A Child's History of the World*, discovering the world of the Middle Ages. Some of the supplemental books needed for this year include books by Diane Stanley, *Viking Tales* by Jennie Hall and more.

The following books are suggested for independent reading, but are not required: *Sword in the Tree* by Clyde Robert Bulla, *Minstrel in the Tower* by Gloria Skurzynski, *The Apple and the Arrow* by Conrad Buff and *A Grain of Rice* by Helen Claire Pittman

Geography

The books selected for geography in Year Two will allow students to travel the world through Miroslav Sasek's *This is the World: A Global Treasury* as well as study early mapping skills, directions and land forms.

Literature & Poetry

Students will read poetry by Rose Fyleman, Joyce Kilmer and Robert Browning as well as read works such as *Famous Legends*, *Book of Norse Myths*, *Knight's Castle*, *The Reluctant Dragon* and *The Railway Children*.

The Arts

Artists Studied: Giotto, Leonardo da Vinci and Jan Steen

Composers Studied: Ludwig V. Beethoven, Georges Bizet and Robert A. Schumann