

Year 2 Newsletter

Middleton Parish Church School

Spring 1 2023

Reading

This half term in reading, we will be approaching reading in a different way. With every new text, we will begin by orientating ourselves to the text and really getting to know it, before focusing on a different reading skill each day to develop these skills over the weeks and year.

Writing

This half term we will be writing focused on explanation text learning the structure and the features used. We will then use this knowledge to write our explanation texts based on 'The Lifecycle of a Frog'.



Geography

Where is Middleton?

This half term, our Geography topic will be focusing on the countries in the United Kingdom. Throughout the topic we will name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas. We will use maps, atlases and globes to identify the UK and its countries. We will also be identifying and describing key human and physical features of the UK.



Science

In Science, we will be learning about living things and their habitats. We will be learning about what living things need to survive along with learning to identify things as living, dead and never been alive. During this topic, we will also learn about micro habitats and have the opportunity to explore some ourselves.



Reading and Homework

As shared on Dojo, homework will be sent out each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Tasks will take the children no longer than ten minutes and must be completed each night and returned the next day to help support our learning in class.

Children will continue to select books from our class library, with the guidance of the teaching team. This book should come into school and back home **EVERY DAY** to maximise reading opportunities.

Please do make sure that you're logging your child's reading on Boom Reader (formerly GOREad).

Please ensure your child is learning their spellings at home so they are prepared for their weekly spelling check.



Contacting Us

If you need to talk to contact a member of the Year 2 team please do not hesitate to send us an email.

Our class email address is

year2@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk

Please note that although we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible, it may take up to five working days.

Important Dates

Thursday 5th Jan – Welcome to the Prayer Space
Tuesday 10th Jan – Prayer Walk
Tuesday 7th Feb – Prayer Experience
Tuesday 14th Feb – Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 15th Feb – Parents Evening
Friday 17th Feb – Finish for Half Term (normal time)
Monday 27th Feb – Return to school

Where needed, more information about these upcoming events will be communicated via ClassDojo.

PSHE

In PSHE, our HeartSmart topic will be Too Much Selfie Isn't Healthy. In this topic we will be learning to take notice of what is going on around us. We will learn to treat and look after others in the same way that we look after ourselves.



Religious Education

In R.E. we will be looking at Jesus and understanding that he was an extraordinary person who welcomed everyone as a friend. We will explore some of the New Testament stories where he performed miracles and reflect on what they reveal about the character of the Son of God



P.E and Forest School

P.E and Forest School is on a Thursday for Year 2. Children should ensure they wear the correct outdoor kit on a Thursday and bring their wellies in a named plastic carrier bag.

Maths

In Maths this half term we will be focusing on money before moving onto our unit on multiplication and division. We will be continuing to practise our two, ten and five times tables.

To help children to improve their quick recall of multiplication number facts, please can you encourage children to keep practising their Times Table Rock Stars at home as much as possible. If you need your login details again, please let us know.



Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you to all parents who ensure that their children are at school on time every day.

The gates are open at **8.40-8.50** in the mornings and **3.20-3.30** in the afternoon.

