

Class 2 News



Please find enclosed information about what the children are going to be studying this term in Class 2.

English

The children are going to use 'The Colour Monster', 'The Storm Whale' and 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark' as the inspiration for a variety of different types of writing including fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

The children will focus on using basic punctuation correctly, capital letters, full stops, exclamation and question marks. They will learn about different word types (noun, adjective and adverbs) and use these in their writing.

Daily phonics lessons will continue for most children to develop their decoding skills. The main focus will be recapping set 1 sounds and learning the long vowel speed sounds (set 2 and 3) and reading words at speed containing these sounds.

Maths

Year 1

The children will start by working with numbers to 10. They will read, write, order, compare and represent numbers within 10 in a variety of ways. Through our addition and subtraction unit the children will focus on number bonds and addition facts as well as adding and subtracting in different ways. They will name, sort and describe a range of 2d and 3d shapes. The children will use concrete apparatus and practical activities to support their learning.

Year 2

The children will develop their place value skills, working with numbers to 100. They will partition numbers into tens and ones and represent numbers in different ways. They will count in steps of 2,3,5 and 10. They will use different strategies to add and subtract 2-digit numbers. Through our shape unit they will look carefully at the features of 2 and 3d shapes and recognise lines of symmetry.

The techniques that the children are learning will be applied to real life problems throughout

PE

We will be joined by the Joanne Banks dance school to develop our dance skills. The children will respond to different stimuli and create their own dances. The children will be developing their skills in games through a range of activities. They will practice throwing, rolling, striking and fielding a range of equipment and use these skills to play simple team games. They will learn, and talk, about how their bodies react when they are exercising.

Our PE day this term is Thursday and PE kits should be kept in school

Science

The children will be learning about Animals including Humans this term. They will increase their knowledge of a variety of different animals and sort and classify them in different ways, such as omnivore, herbivore and carnivore. They will name different body parts. They will talk about the senses and the different jobs parts of the body do associated with their sense. Throughout they will develop their scientific enquiry skills. The children will explore and compare life cycles and consider how animals and humans stay healthy.

Computing

The children will learn about the technology around them and develop mouse and keyboard skills. . They will develop their digital painting skills using the features of a paint program.

They will compare computer art and painting. How to use a computer safely will be the underlying theme in each lesson

Geography

The children are going to be studying Antarctica. They will use maps and atlases to locate Antarctica. They will study the human and physical features, comparing them to where they live. The children will learn about animals that live in Antarctica and how they adapt to the climate. They will understand how the harsh weather makes Antarctica uninhabitable.

Art

Through the theme of The Gun Powder Plot, the children will create different pieces of art in the form of painting, printing, sculpture, collage and drawing.

They will use the work of artist Jackson Pollock as inspiration for their own firework paintings.

Music

The children will be exploring sounds, beat and pitch through the topics of Ourselves, number, animals and the weather this term. They will explore sounds using their bodies and tuned and un-tuned instruments.

History

The children will be learning about The Gun Powder Plot. They will learn when the Gunpowder Plot took place, who the plotters were and what happened. They will discover what life was like in 1605. Using historical enquiry skills, they will find out why Bonfire Night is remembered and how Bonfire Night has changed.

Design and Technology

The children will be exploring ice cream! They will investigate different fruits, where they come from and how ice cream can be part of a balanced diet. The children will design their own ice creams and use their cutting and measuring skills to make it. Finally, they will sample and evaluate their finished ice creams.

Our timetable of homework

- **Reading.** Please listen to your child read on a regular basis to improve fluency and comprehension. Books should be brought into school daily. Children reading decodable phonics books will change their books weekly. Children reading books on the Accelerated Reader scheme will quiz books read and change them.
- **When appropriate, Homework to reinforce learning will be sent out on a Monday to be returned by the following Monday.**