

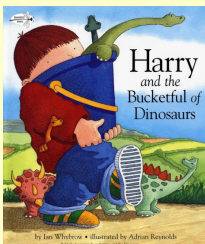
Year 2 Autumn Newsletter 2023

Welcome back! It is great to have you back. We hope you have lots of energy for our exciting topics this year!

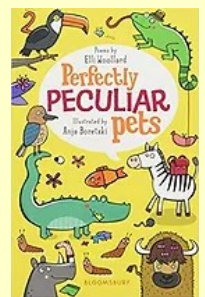
Mrs Miller, Mrs Tattersdill & Mrs Mavi

English

This term our English work will be based around a wide range of books, beginning with familiar settings. We will write our own stories and read lots of examples of fiction and non-fiction texts. We study some lovely texts connected to our 'Habitats' work in Science, starting with *The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark* (one of my all-time favourites).

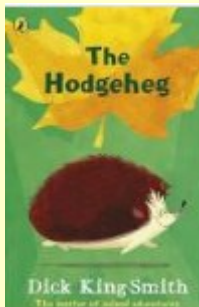
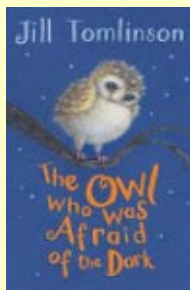
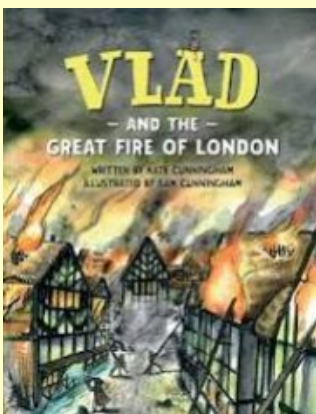


We will develop our understanding of word classes and sentence structure learning how to write descriptions, stories, poems and letters. Spelling and handwriting will be a key focus throughout the year as will developing our reading and comprehension skills. Children will continue to access Read Write Inc Phonics until they finish the scheme when they will then take part in whole class guided reading sessions to further build on fluency and comprehension skills.



Weekly spellings will be available on Seesaw.

Children will have their own log-ins for Spelling Shed to play spelling games and practise at home. Spellings will be tested weekly on Fridays. Children requiring extra support with spellings may receive additional words to reinforce at home. After half-term, our exciting topic *The Great Fire of London*, provides us with lots of exciting writing opportunities further developing our grammar and spelling work at the same time.



RE We begin our school year looking at Beginnings. We will look at The Creation and new beginnings in our life. This leads us on to Signs and Symbols where we will look at Baptism. We will study a world religion this term it is Judaism. Children will discover the food Jews eat during special celebrations as well as increasing their knowledge of the Jewish religion. Our final topic of the half term, 'Preparations' leads us into Christmas. We explore how Christians prepare for Christmas and understand more detail in the Christmas story. Throughout the term children will be involved in planning and leading liturgical prayer.

Maths We begin the year with lots of work to develop our fluency in number facts and by reinforcing our understanding of numbers to one hundred, including the place value of digits. This term we concentrate on ordering, comparing and writing numerals and number words to 100. We also develop an understanding of place value in two digit numbers, for example knowing that 72 is 70+2. We will continue to work on addition and subtraction facts up to 20 fluently, and derive and use related facts up to 100 as well as counting in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10. In shape we will be identifying and describing the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. And comparing and sorting shapes. We continue to use lots of practical resources and active learning in our maths lessons to really bring the topics to life! Please practise counting on from any number to 100 and counting back (which is something the children often find tricky).

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Daily Checklist: Water bottle. Wear PE Kit on Thursdays.

Science

We begin with a topic where we learn all about habitats and food chains.

After half-term, we begin to investigate different materials and their properties, learning about the importance of recycling.

Geography We begin the term learning about Continents and Oceans, with a focus on Antarctica—the landscape and animals.

History After half-term we begin our fascinating topic about The Great Fire of London.



ICT

This term we will continue to use Purple Mash to support our ICT curriculum. We begin the term learning how to use the computer to make music and children will become composers. We will also look at presenting ideas. We end the term with work on spreadsheets.

PE PE lessons will be on Thursday afternoon.

Our My Personal best words we will be working on are concentration and imagination.

For our physical skills we are working on: striking, catching, throwing and dribbling a ball as well as attacking and defending skills. We will learn how to play cooperatively and competitively in small teams looking closely at rules. In gymnastics we will focus on jumping and rolling and creating sequences on and off the apparatus. Our dance will link to the Great Fire of London where we will compose and perform.

Throughout the term we will focus on our social and thinking skills and how to have fun whilst keeping active.

PHSE

We will explore our relationships with others, recognising when it is ok to make mistakes. We explore behaviour and the responsibility of caring for others including animals.

Music This term we learn that the speed of the beat can change and we will recognise changes in tempo. We also begin to use stick notation including crochets, crotchet rests and quavers. After half term, Mrs Taylor from Tees Valley Music will lead our sessions.

Reading Books

Reading books will be sent home on Mondays and returned on Fridays. Our key targets are phonics, fluency and comprehension. Please listen to your child each night for 10 minutes and talk to them about the text. Please write down a comment in the reading record book as this provides valuable evidence of your child's progress. **Please upload a short video of your child reading weekly at home to Seesaw** in the reading folder. It's most useful if the video shows the page and the text as the child reads along. Your comments and videos help us to provide useful evidence of your child's reading journey.

Each child has access to Reading Eggs for extra practice. Log-ins are stuck inside record books.

Art & DT

Our lovely topics allow us lots of opportunity for artistic activities including printing, drawing, painting, sculpting as well as collage and model-making. We begin by creating our own self-portraits as we celebrate our new Class Family!

